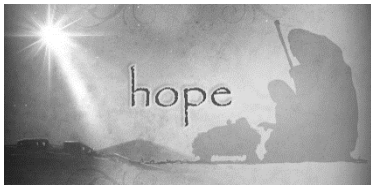




*Hope is Born*  
LUKE 2:11



Woodlawn United Church  
Sunday December 2, 2018  
Advent 1, Hope



**White Gift ~ Advent 1 ~ HOPE**  
*"What's Important About Christmas?"*  
**Woodlawn United Church**  
**December 2nd, 2018**

9:45 AM HYMN SING

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH & CELEBRATIONS

OPEN HAND OF FRIENDSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN MV #220 "Hope Shines as the Solitary Star"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *Everyone is invited to write one or more unrealistic expectations they have of themselves or others on the piece of scrap paper found in the bulletin and then hand it to one of the children standing by to help and they will come forward and shred it.*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH ~ Dodie Covert,  
Deborah, Ayla, & Evrem Mert

HYMN VU #6 "A Candle Is Burning", Verse 1

STORY TIME WITH SHANNON "Christmas Presents"

SCRIPTURE & DRAMA "What's Important About Christmas?"

HYMN MV #134 "Child of Galilee" (Dreaming Mary)

HYMN VU #7 "Hope is a Star" Verse 1

HYMN VU #9 "People Look East"

ANTHEM *Children's Choir*, "Happy Birthday Baby Jesus"

STORIES FROM THE HEART - Asana Family

INTRODUCTION TO WHITE GIFT - Jane Cushing

OFFERINGS & WHITE GIFTS

OFFERTORY "If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee",  
J.S. Bach

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING & WHITE GIFTS

VU #55 "In The Bleak Midwinter" Verse 4

OFFERING PRAYER

THE NEW CREED VU #918

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN #56 VU "Jesus Our Brother"

BLESSING & SENDING FORTH

SUNG BENEDICTION MV #213 "Take Up His Song of Hope" X3

POSTLUDE "Trumpet Voluntary", D. Bish/J. Stanley



thank  
you!

**Thank you to the Sunday school children and teachers for their leadership in our worship service today.**

**Thank you for leading in song, drama, scripture and reading.**

**Actors in "What's Important About Christmas":**

**Narrators:** Madeleine Fillmore & Lori Jenkins

**Mary:** Claire Chambers

**Angel Gabriel:** Gemma Jupp

**Elizabeth:** Olivia Taylor

**Joseph:** Will Barro Ralph

**Shepherds:** Mason Fillmore & Sunday School Children

**Animals:** Sunday School Children

**Angels:** Ayla Mert & Sunday School Children

**READERS:** Jack Graham, Erin Chambers, Will Barro Ralph,  
& Bronwyn Eagan

**USHERS:** Chloe Dagnall, Evan MacDonald, Addison Taylor,  
Charlotte Bennett (and mum Stephanie Landry),  
Olivia Taylor, & Emily Taylor.

*"What's Important About Christmas" was written by  
Beth Kerr, Trinity U.C., Portage la Prairie, Man.*

## WHITE GIFT SUNDAY EXPLAINED

The story is told that a minister's wife initiated the idea to solve the problem of inequity of gifts given at the Sunday school Christmas party. Instead of focusing on receiving gifts, the focus shifted to bringing gifts to Jesus that could in turn be shared with people around the world who did not have much. All the gifts would come wrapped in plain white paper, so that no one would know which was an expensive gift and which was a more modest one. No one would feel ashamed of their gift and everyone would share in the joy of giving to others. Woodlawn United observes White Gift Sunday with a child-centred service that takes place during the season of Advent.



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<b>Worship Assistant</b>	
<b>Fellowship</b>	Connie & Murdock Morrison
<b>Greeter</b>	Peter & Maureen Woods
<b>Ushers</b>	Margo MacLeod, Fran Essex Joan & Murray Angus
<b>PowerPoint Creator</b>	Jennifer Evans
<b>Audio</b>	Bev Lynch

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**IN HOSPITAL: DGH:** Florence Walker, Dorothy Cross **VG:** Mona Tinkham

**LOVE AND PRAYERS GO OUT TO:** Weldon Rodenhiser, Linda Sinclair, Mamie Higgins, Norma Higgins, Gerry Todd, Allan Gaskin, Ken Brown, Connie Boutilier, Joe Matthieu, Margaret Logan, Gary Jennex, Jim Scrimshaw, Gail Smith.

### A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN

☞ A Gift has been given to the Accessibility Fund in memory of Marie Dixon from Kathy & Dennis Dean.

☞ A Gift has been given to the Solar Panel project in memory of Edward Kyte, from Sandra Kyte.

### POINTSETTIAS

Every year, many Pointsettias are donated in honour or in memory of a loved one, or to the Glory of God. Thank you for making our worship space reflect the beauty of Christmas!

☞ In loving memory of Kenneth Scott, from Donna & Family.

☞ In loving memory of our parents, from Barry & Shirley Zwicker

☞ In loving memory of Mary MacMillan, from Don and Family

### COMBINED CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Mark your calendars for an event not to be missed! The Fairview Citadel Salvation Army Band & The Woodlawn United Church Choirs present the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Combined Christmas Concert, on Sunday December 9, 2018, at 7:00 PM, in the Church Sanctuary. Free Will Offering.

### CHILDREN & YOUTH MUSICIANS WANTED

During the Advent Season we would like to feature our young musicians performing Christmas literature on their instruments. If you or someone in your family who wishes to be part of this celebration, please submit names along with their performance number(s) to our Music Director. Looking forward to hearing your great music.

### 2019 ENVELOPES

Your numbered envelopes are ready for pickup in the entry-way. If you do not have numbered envelopes and would like some, please contact me at 902-435-6296 or [recordsclerk@woodlawnunited.ca](mailto:recordsclerk@woodlawnunited.ca) or [info@joanmikkelsen.com](mailto:info@joanmikkelsen.com) and I'll be pleased to get them for you.

**GIFTS WITH VISION** Gifts with Vision catalogs are now available on both the Welcome Table and on the shelf in the main entrance as well as the rack in the Narthex. Gifts with Vision is another way you can support the work of the UCC's Mission and Service around the world.

## **COUPLES CLUB CAROLLING**

Jingle Bells! Jingle Bells! Would you like to boost the Christmas spirit of some Woodlawn folks who can't always get to church? Then please come join Couples Club on Sun. Dec. 9 to go caroling. We will leave the church parking lot at 1:30 and hope to finish by 3:30. We will drive to a few private homes, as well as a visit to Parkland as we have many members there. For more info, or to confirm your attendance please contact shirley.zwicker@gmail.com (or call 902-434-8766). The more singers we have, the more JOY we will spread.

## **THE LONGEST NIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE**

The Longest Night Worship Service will be held on Wednesday December 12<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM, for those who have difficulty getting through the holiday season or who just want to experience a quiet and reflective service. It will also be a time to remember loved ones who have passed away over the past year. For more information, please contact the Church Office.

## **TIME OUT FOR CRAFTS**

Time Out for Crafts closing and display will be Wednesday December 5, at 1:00 PM. Come and see quilts, crochet and knitted items, tole and decorative paintings and needlework. Some items may be for sale. Enjoy a snack and a chat. Next registration date is January 9, 2019, at 1:00 PM. For more information, please contact Dorothy Sams at dfsams@gmail.com

## **SNOW SHOVELLING IS GOOD EXERCISE!**

Woodlawn needs your help. In order to keep expenses down for snow clearing in the past we have been relying on volunteers to help with snow shovelling around the doorways and pathways of both buildings. This needs to be done everyday of the week that we get snowfall not just Sundays. Your time and talent will be a very big help and you will be contributing to our endeavours to keep expenses in check. If you feel you can contribute to this necessary cause, please call Dennis Dean 902-478-5705 or Jim Allen 902-209-0586. Remember "Many Hands Make Light Work". Thank you.

## **SUNDAY-FUNDAY! DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR FUNDScrip!**

Today is the day we take December orders for Fundscrip. You get the full value for the gift card you buy and the church earns 2-10% for each sale. Pass your order in any time before that and postdate your cheque for the order date. Gift cards will be available the following Sunday. Thank you for your support. For more info, please contact: Teri Giannou (902) 456-3188 or Adelia Holloway (902) 462-6744 or Diane Avery (902) 433-1610.