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Advent 1 - Hope – November 30, 2025

Messy Church Sunday

10:00 am at Little Current United Church

WELCOME: a special welcome to guests worshipping with us today. Please sign the guest book as you enter the sanctuary.

Gathering & Prelude

***Announcements - The Life & Work of the Church
We Approach God***

Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory

We gather this morning on land in Little Current. Before we spoke English on this land, we spoke French and called here Le Petit Courant. Before we spoke French here, we spoke Ojibwe, also known as Anishinaabemowin, and called here Waabijewung. Many names. Many peoples. Many generations. One place. In honour of all who have come before us, may we never forget history didn't begin with English here. There are more sacred stories.

In hope of all the people after us, may we weave our lives
with the peoples who call this place home.

We are all sacred people – beloved children of the Holy One.

The wreath is made of evergreen leaves, which "represent the hope of eternal life brought by Jesus Christ".

Lighting the Advent Candle:

Reader 1: As the days grow shorter and colder, we hope for warmth and light.

Reader 2: We hope for warmth and light within our hearts.

Reader 1: We hope that warmth and light may spread out all around our land, and all around the world- especially where hope is hard to find.

Reader 2: And so we light a candle, because we want hope to shine bright here and everywhere. (+1)

light blue/purple candle

2.

Advent Candle Hymn: *Hope is a Star (vs. 1 & refrain) VU 7*
Hope is a star that shines in the night,
leading us on till the morning is bright.

When God is a child there's joy in our song.

*The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,
and none shall be afraid.*

Call to Worship

One: Christ is at home in your heart

Place your hand over your heart

Close your eyes and see the candle's light in your mind's eye.

Sit quietly and notice where hope is stirring.... **(pause)**

Rest in the light of Hope beckoning...

breathe... breathe... breathe... **(pause)**

Come, Hope, come – Stir in our souls

Find your birthing place in our living.

Shine forth like a star.

ALL: Come, Hope, come. (+2)

Invocation

God of all hope, we too hope for a better world. Even when our hearts are heavy, even when the troubles of the world make us sad and worried, may hope still stay alive within us. May hope shine through us, and light the way for others, wherever we go. In the name of Jesus, Light of the World. Amen.

HOLY SCRIPTURE:

John 1:1-6, 14

May God's spirit shape our understanding of these words.

And may they awaken in our hearts.

Learning Time for all:

Messy church

- making Advent wreaths

Sermon: "What is Advent?"



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Your Generosity Matters - Minute for Right Relations

Indigenous Holiday Guide

Responding to the Word

Invitation to Commitment:

Because we have seen the Light, let us share that Light with others. Because we know where there is Hope and Good Food for the Journey, let us share that hope and good food. Because we are loved, let us commit to loving others.

(The offerings will now be brought forward)

**Offertory Hymn:

(VU 538)

For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,
and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,
we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.

Prayer of Commitment (unison)

God of all gifts, we thank you for the blessings we enjoy: the loved ones and friends who help make our lives good, our chances to work and learn, our chances to make life better for others. In this season we especially give thanks for the child Jesus, who was born into the world to bring HOPE. Help us receive this gift well as we hear and share the message, in all we say and do. As we give thanks, we offer you our gifts, gifts of money to help your work here and around the world, gifts of food to help those in need in our own district, and most of all the gift of ourselves. Help us give of ourselves in love and care for others. May Good News come alive in our hearts and our community. Amen. (+3)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hope is a prayer we make real - incarnate.

As you begin this Advent journey....

hold the hopes you are carrying

for yourself...

for loved ones and friends...

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for our spiritual home of Visions...

for the strangers we do not yet know...

for the world and this earth we call home...

Hold these hopes as your prayer today... This we pray in the name of Christ, our hope, who taught us to pray: (+4)

.....Our Mother/Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD

Benediction & Carrying out the Light:

Take with you the light of Christ, take with you the light of Advent, take with you the beginning of our marvelous journey.

- Light is extinguished.

Choral Benediction: MV 213 Take Up His Song 2X

*Take up his song of hope
and go into the world.*

*Take up his song of hope
in ev'ry moment.*

In ev'ry moment of the journey

we're laying down our lives;

lay them down, in hope,

lay them down, and take up his song.

Go now in the peace of Christ!



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IN JOHN! IT'S SO
MYSTERIOUS -- IT'S
PERFECT FOR
CHRISTMAS!



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A LONG TIME AGO
IN A GALAXY
FAR FAR AWAY...



YEAHHH -- THAT'S
THE WRONG
PROLOGUE.



JOHN 1:1-14

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helped to decorate the Sanctuary last week .

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9 AM TO 11:00 AM

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With

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'HOPE'

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