

Sing a New Song
of
Hope



**December 1, 2024 10:30 am
Sunday Worship Service**

**Worship Leaders:
Bev Buckingham
Huda Kandalaf Kanawati
Dr. Keith Hartshorn-Walton**

**Sound: Richard Hamley Video: Danica Rogers
Slides: Elise Mennie**

As a community of Christ followers:

*We acknowledge that the land on which we gather for worship is the traditional,
unceded, unsurrendered territory of the Algonquin nation.*

*We are grateful for their stewardship of this territory for thousands of years.
Parkdale United Church welcomes all. We support and celebrate diversity,
inclusion and equity with regard to race, colour, ethnicity, national origin,
gender, sexuality, and level of ability.*

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Advent 1 – The Sunday of Hope
Celebrating Barbadian Independence

We Gather to Worship God

Stewardship Thought: *Hope is the thing with feathers
That perches in the soul
And sings the tune without the words
And never stops at all.*
Emily Dickinson

*please rise as you are able

Prelude: *Veni Domine from “Advent: First Religious Suite For Organ”*
Organ - Dr. Keith Hartshorn-Walton

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Welcome and Honouring the Land Bev

Life and Mission of the Congregation Bev/Huda/Keith

Call to Worship

*Hymn **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel** VU#1

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(Hanging of the greens and setting the table)

Prayer of Approach and Confession Huda

Silent Confession

Receiving the Gift of God’s Forgiveness Bev

Choral Response: *Halle, Halle, Halle*

Advent Wreath Lighting Litany Betty Hope-Gittens
Hepsy Griffith

(add the green hay)

All Sing (seated)

Light a candle bright and tall
For the Hope within our world.
Hope that heard the ages' call
As the stars and planets whirled.
Shine within our hearts today
Come, O Hope, to us, we pray.



(Sung to “As With Gladness Men Of Old” VU#81)

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Time to Wonder

Huda

(The children and youth leave for their classes)



Celebrating with Our Barbadian Neighbours

The National Anthem of Barbados

Lisa Bayley-Craig with Piano

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Welcoming our Guests

Betty Hope-Gittens

Greetings from His Excellency Gline Clarke, Barbados High Commissioner to Canada

WE LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD

First Scripture Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Gail Waterman

Gospel Lesson: Luke 21: 25-36

Gail Waterman

The Gloria **Angels We Have Heard On High** (*refrain*) VU#38

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Message:

“Waiting With Hope”

Bev

WE RESPOND IN FAITHFULNESS ...

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

We are grateful for the prayers and financial support of Parkdale's ongoing ministry. Please continue. For those of you present here today your offerings via cheque or cash are most welcome. Those of you at home and on line are invited to take some time to send us a cheque, or to go to the Parkdale Website: parkdaleunitedchurch.ca where you will see on the home page a button/link that says "Donate Now through CanadaHelps.org". Click on that and make your offering. Regular monthly donations via PAR are also very appreciated. We have the privilege of supporting Parkdale's ministries.

Offertory: "Mary Did You Know" Harp and Piano
Susan Carlton and Eleanor Creasey

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Doxology: In the Bleak Midwinter v.4 VU#55

**What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give Him: give my heart.**

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Dedication of Tithes and Offerings: Bev

Children's Choir Anthem: "Dona Nobis Pacem"
Directed by Mélanie Hartshorn-Walton
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SHARING THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION FILLS US WITH HOPE

The Nicene Creed:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin

Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

The Lord be with you

All: and also with you.

Lift up your hearts,

All: We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All: It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of
the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Huda:

Gracious God, Breath of peace,

Source of love,

we pray for your Spirit.

Make us, while many, one.

Make us, though broken, whole.

Make us, despite death, alive.

And so we join with the saints of every time and place in the prayer
of Jesus:

**Our 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 let us not fall
into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the
kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

Communion:

BREAKING THE BREAD

The body of Christ,
the Bread of life.

The gift of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Silence is kept.

SHARING THE CUP

The cup of the New Covenant
the cup of Salvation.

The gift of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Silence is kept

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
Grant us peace.

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life.

We thank you, God, for breaking into our world
and pouring into our lives and our experiences.

We thank you, God, for this meal of thanksgiving
and the stories of love, grace, and hope that it tells.

Our Lord says, I am coming soon.

Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

Maranatha, Come Lord Jesus Come.

Amen.

AND WE GO OUT IN HOPE WITH
THANKSGIVING TO BLESS THE WORLD

*Hymn

People, Look East

VU#9

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Blessing and Sending Forth

Bev

Postlude: *“People Look East” (reprise)*

Organ

Dr. Keith Hartshorn-Walton

ANNOUNCEMENTS – December 1, 2024

ADVENT Congregational Luncheon and Sing-A-Long

All are welcome after the December 8th service to the annual congregational lunch and sing-a-long.

Come let us celebrate the season, eat and sing together! Please consider bringing your favorite cookies, cakes and baking creations to share at our dessert table.

Those interested in helping, please contact Rhonda at rho13john@gmail.com

GIVING TREE 2024

This year we have decorated our tree with something special – lots of opportunities for you to gift others this Christmas. The small houses each have a tag that has a gift request from a resident at Grace Manor – please take one and return (unwrapped) by December 15th. The hearts are your invitation to take a tin from under the tree and fill it with Christmas cookies for our neighbours at Abbeyfield House – please bring back on Sunday, December 15th. There is also a stack of blank cards to turn into Christmas greetings to go along with these gifts – please take one, decorate the front and write a cheery greeting inside.



Students' Christmas notes and Tim Horton's cards

With the uncertainty of postal services this year we have decided to postpone sending off something to our students until after Christmas.

In late January when the days are dark and the weather cold, we will send a cheery note and a little something to warm our students. If you have donated to this project, your donation will be carried over and used in the new year.



2025 ENVELOPES AND YEAR END DONATIONS

Please pick up your 2025 Offering Envelopes in the Gladstone Hallway behind the choir loft. If you have used envelopes regularly to donate in 2024 or requested envelopes recently, there is likely a box of envelopes there for you. If not and you need a set, please put a note on the collection plate or contact the church office. Use of these envelopes assists us in tracking your regular donations for receipting purposes.

Donations can also be made online from our website, or via eTransfer to deposits@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca, or directly from your bank account via PreAuthorized Remittance (PAR). More donation information can be found on this webpage: <https://parkdaleunitedchurch.ca/supporting-parkdale/>

All donations for the 2024 tax year must be received in the church by Dec. 31st, to appear on your 2024 tax receipt.

Thank you.



's of Faith

Question 62 answer: The evidence for the presence of the Holy Spirit is seen not only in the spectacular and the unusual but also in what the Bible calls “the fruit of the Spirit”: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control” (Galatians 5:22-23).

Question 63: Did the Holy Spirit inspire the Bible?

The answer will be in our next Sunday’s bulletin.

Here are some clues: 2 Tim 3:16-17, 2 Pet 1:20-21, 1 Cor 2:11-13.

See also: Ps 12:6; Prov 30:5-6; 2 Sam 22:31; Jn 1:1-18; Acts 4:25; Heb 1:1-2, 3:7-11; Rev 1:1-3.



The Nursery: is staffed today. Parents are welcome to use the nursery for their babies and toddlers every Sunday during the service.



Christian Education & Faith

Formation: for ages **4-18** is offered during the service. Today we will have a one-room Sunday school in the chapel.. Registration is online.



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The Junior Choir and Youth Band:

The Junior Choir meets before the service at 10 am, and the Youth Band meets after the service at 12 noon. *All kids are welcome.*



Youth Baking and Christmas Coffee Shop returns!

Inviting all youth ages 13 and up for an evening of Christmas cookie baking. Please join us in the big kitchen on Sunday Dec.1, **4-7:00 pm**. We'll make a ton of cookies for Caring Kitchens and/or IFTC as well as for the Christmas Coffee Shop in the friendship lounge (and perhaps eat one or two of the "rejects"). Bring a friend!



-The Pageant: "A Secret Divine Mission" co-written by Melanie and Sara (Dec.15 at 10:30 AM). Rehearsal today in the Sanctuary after the service. Dress rehearsal is **Dec. 14** from 3-6 PM with pizza supper for all participants.

-The Early Christmas Eve Family Service- The A-B-Cs of Christmas (Dec. 24 at 5:00 PM). Please let Huda know if your children would like to participate in these programs. Dress rehearsal is **Dec.21** from 3-6 PM with pizza supper for all participants.



Zatoun & Za'atar

If you would like to order a bottle of Zatoun (CA \$30) or a package of Za'atar (CA \$6) contact Rebecca

rebeccamedouglas@gmail.com or Huda huda@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca



Youth Fundraiser: Parkdale youth are selling costume jewelry and candles today Dec.1 and Dec. 8 after the service. Please check them out in front of the chapel and support their initiative. Donations are welcome.