

Yellowknife United Church
An Affirming Ministry and Congregation of
The United Church of Canada
Third Sunday of Advent – December 17, 2017

* rise in body or spirit



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The bulletin is sponsored today by Elizabeth, Emily and Sophie
in loving memory of their Father and Grandfather.

Getting Ready

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Acknowledging the Territory Upon Which We Worship

Worship Candle Lighting

Advent Introit 34 VU Come Now, O God of Joy
Come now O God of joy, we are your people
Pour out your Spirit, that we be one body.

Opening Prayer

God, we long for you to be with us—
not as an echo from the distant past,
not as a rumour spread by wishful thinkers,
not as the substance of someone else's faith,
but as a presence strong and real.

As Christ was born of Mary long ago,
may Christ be born in us this day,
that we too may be God-bearers
for the world. Amen.

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Opening Hymn 7 VU Joy is a Song

Advent Candle Lighting

This is the candle of hope. *(light the first candle)*

This is the candle of peace. *(light the second candle)*

This is the candle of joy. *(light the pink candle)*

It's the candle of unexpected delight
and laughter in the face of trouble.
It's the candle of surprise and wonder
and belief that hope is stronger than despair.
It's a candle with burning light that pierces the darkness
of hatred and prejudice and division and racism,
of sexism and power and entitlement and religious
superiority.
This is the candle of joy.

Candle-lighting Song: Jesus Came Bringing Us Joy
Jesus came bringing us joy 3x
Hallelujah, forevermore.

The Story Told

The Life and Work of the Community

Anthem Come Emmanuel *Price/Besig*

Church School Pageant I Will Play My Part

Advent Hymn

1 VU O Come, O Come Emmanuel (Verses 1, 2, 7)

Carol

75 VU While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks (Verses 1-4)

Carol

81 VU As With Gladness (Verses 1-3)

Carol

69 VU Away In a Manger

Responding to The Story

Minute for Mission - Supporting Local Churches

Tithes and Offerings *Doxology Tune 540 VU*

Grant us God the grace of waiting
With a spirit keen and deep
That our days of Advent living
May in faith be ones to keep

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn 49 VU No Crowded Eastern Street

Sending Forth

Go forth in the mystery of faith.

We go as messengers of the good news.

Go forth with the trust and assurance of grace.

**We go to walk as Mary and Joseph walked,
listening to God's call within our living.**

Go forth guided by the Spirit's nurture.

**We go as those who bear the name of Christ,
as those willing to see the world in humility.**

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Choral Response 222 MV May the Joy of God Be Your Joy

May the joy of God be your joy.

May the hope of God be the hope you know.

May the peace of God be the peace you show,

And may the world that God would see be found in you.