



Claremont United Church

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Sunday November 28, 2021, 11:00 am

First Sunday of Advent

GATHERING

Acknowledgement of the Land

During this season of Advent, we begin our worship by acknowledging the traditional custodians of the land where we are gathered for worship today. These lands remain home to a number of Indigenous nations and people. Their relationship with the land remains central to their lives.

Claremont United Church lies within the area covered by the Williams Treaties of 1923, between Canada, Ontario, and the Chippewas of Beausoleil, Georgina Island and Rama and the Mississaugas of Alderville, Curve Lake, Hiawatha and Scugog Island First Nations.

God of Advent hope, awaken us to new opportunities to walk in justice and reconciliation with the First People of this land. Amen.

Greeting

Jeremiah proclaimed: “The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make my love known!”
May the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Hope admits that we're not quite there yet.

Hope means that something good is within reach.

Hope calls out to us, so that we can come to see the good that God promises.

God is our hope.

Let us taste, see, hear, feel, smell and anticipate this hope.

May hope be found in the manger and throughout the world.

The first Candle is lit.

Song in response: VU # 7, Hope is a Star, verse 1

*Welcome and Announcements
Joys and Celebrations*

**Hymn: VU # 1 O Come O Come Emmanuel
v. 1-2, 6-7.**

Opening Prayer (in unison)

**Stir up your power, O God, and come to us!
Free us from the broken ways of our world,
so we can joyfully walk in the brilliance of your
light as we await the great day of your coming.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, the one who is
to come. Amen.**

WORD

Time for the child in all of us

**Song: MV # 221 I am Walking the Path of
Peace**

- 1. I am walking a path of peace,
I am walking a path of peace,
I am walking a path of peace,
lead me home, lead me home.**
- 2. I am walking a path of love ...**
- 3. I am walking a path of grace ...**
- 4. I am walking a path of hope ...**

Scriptures: Jeremiah 33: 14-16

Responsive Psalm 25, VU page 752

Luke 21: 25-36

Sermon: Rev. Lionel

Hymn: VU 2 Come, thou long expected Jesus

Minute for Mission

Invitation to the Offering

Reception of the Offering: VU 55 In the Bleak
Midwinter, verse 4

*What shall 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 can give him - give my heart.*

Prayer of Dedication

**Loving God, By your coming to dwell among us,
as Emmanuel, You help us see and experience
the sacred and the holy in everyday life.
Bless these ordinary gifts of our lives,
May they be used to make your love manifest.
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Prayers of the People / Prayer Candles / **VU 959
Lord's prayer**

Closing Hymn: VU # 5 All Earth is Waiting

SENDING

Blessing and Commissioning

Sung Blessing: VU # 424 May the God of Hope

1. May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Refrain:

Praying, let us work for peace;
singing, share our joy with all;
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.

2 May the God of healing free the earth from fear,
freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued.
May the God of love keep our commitment clear
to a world restored, to human life renewed.

Refrain