



Salisbury United Church
November 27, 2022
Advent 1 - HOPE



Welcome & Announcements

Acknowledgement of Territory

Hymn Medley:

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus; #2VU, vs. 1 & 2

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free:
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art,
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Prepare Ye The Way of the Lord (this phrase repeated)

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O Lord How Shall I Meet You; #31VU, vs. 1 & 3

O Lord, how shall I meet you,
how welcome you aright?
Your people long to greet you,
my hope, my heart's delight!
O kindle, then, most holy,
a lamp within my breast,
to do in spirit lowly
all that may please you best.

A glorious crown you give me,
a treasure safe on high,
that will not fail nor leave me
as earthly riches fly.

My heart shall bloom forever
for you will praises new,
and from your name shall never
withhold the honor due.

Passing the Peace: (said with hands over our hearts)

May the peace of Christ be with you!

And also, with you!



Call to Prayer & Advent Candle Lighting:

We are people on a journey,
and fear will not overcome us.

**Day will break, the Son will rise,
death will be transformed to life.**

We light this blue candle today for the mystery
of a hope that rises up unexpectedly along the way.

**May the light of hope strengthen our determination
to stay the distance, as we journey toward Bethlehem
and the Christ who comes to meet us.**

(The blue candle for hope is lit.)

And so, we lift our hearts in worship and give voice
to the stirrings of hope arising in all creation.

Hymn: Come, Come Emmanuel; #11MV (chorus only)

Come, come Emmanuel! Come Emmanuel.

Opening Prayer & Lord's Prayer:

O God, we who travel on the slim margins of hope
seek the mystery of your presence.

**We who travel for the sake of wonder,
seek a sacred strength to sing on through the shadows.**

May your blessing be with us today in worship
and every day as we anticipate the birth of Christ.

This we pray together, saying...

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.
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.



Discovery Time: The Journey to Bethlehem Begins

Hymn: Maranatha, Maranatha, Come Lord Jesus Come; #19MV
(seated)

*Maranatha, Maranatha, Come Lord Jesus Come
Maranatha, Maranatha, Come Lord Jesus*

Scripture Medley: The Prophets Speak, Part 1



Salisbury Singers: Hope Medley

Sermon: Surprised by Hope

Hymn: O Come, O Come Emmanuel; #1VU, vs. 1,4,5

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lowly exile here
until the Son of God appear. (R)

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem,
from every foe deliver them
that trust your mighty power to save,
and give them victory o'er the grave. (R)

O come, O Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery. (R)

Minutes for Mission: Advent Giving Project "Return of the Buffalo"
Betty Lou Munro

Recognition of Offering:

Living God,
along the road to Bethlehem, we are called
to give from our hearts and minds,
as well as our treasured resources.
Bless all of our giving,
in the name of your blessed one, Jesus.
Amen.



Prayers for the Journey

Holy God of Advent,
you became weak so that we would find strength
in moments of heartbreak;
you left the safety of eternity to wander
the wilderness of the world,
holding our hands when we felt hopeless;
you set aside your glory to hold our pain
so we might be healed,
even when there seemed to be no hope;
you became one among us,
so we would never be alone in any moment,
in any circumstance.
So come now, Child of Bethlehem,
to strengthen us in these days.
May we feel your presence
in a way we have never known,
not just as one born in a stable
long ago and far away,
but as one born now in our hearts.
But not just in our hearts, for the world
needs you now as much as it ever has.
And so we pray, not just for ourselves
but for the world and all those who suffer
and yearn for a new day of justice
with grace and hope.
We hold in the tenderness of our hearts
of the desire your coming again so that
all creation might be renewed in hope.

(Prayers in silence)

Holy One, you have promised to go before us:
into our brokenness, into hospital rooms,
into empty houses, into graveyards,
into our future held by God.

And so we anticipate your coming even now,
You who are the Messiah coming:
to serve us, to hold us,
to comfort us, to confront us,
to heal us, to live in and through us,
now and forever. Amen.

Saying Goodbye to the Advent Candle:

It is time to say good-bye to the bright flame
which guides our way through Advent.
**Though the candle of hope is extinguished,
hope never really dies.**
It merely changes form and drifts towards
all four directions of the world.



(The hope Candle is extinguished)

Hope has been shed abroad in our hearts
and sustains us in these days of waiting for the wonder
of the Christ Child to appear.

Hymn: All Earth Is Waiting; #5VU, vs. 1-3 (Salisbury Singers come forward)

All earth is waiting to see the Promised One,
and open furrows await the seed of God.
All the world, bound and struggling, seeks true liberty;
it cries out for justice and searches for the truth.

Thus says the prophet to those of Israel:
'A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel,
one whose name is 'God with us' our Saviour shall be;
with him hope will blossom once more within our hearts.

Mountains and valleys will have to be made plain;
open new highways, new highways for the Lord.
He is now coming closer, so come all and see,
and open the doorways as wide as wide can be.

Blessing: *(Salisbury Singers come forward to say the blessing with the Minister.)*

May your soul be rested and without fear this Advent and Christmas,
not in order to avoid God's amazing world,
but because you would still like to have energy
to hope for Christ's coming,
to pray for peace with justice,

to share what joy you have,
to laugh and to love with others,
and may it be so, in the name of
God, Creator, Christ and Magnificent Spirit,
Amen.



Closing: Gloria, #37VU

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis deo,
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest,
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia.

Finance Corner

Update for January – October 2022



	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Income:	\$184,486.09	\$197,042.31
Expense:	<u>\$202,955.68</u>	<u>\$195,406.04</u>
	<u>\$ 18,469.59</u>	<u>\$1,636.27</u>

Our year-to-date operating loss was reduced by \$3500 in October, finishing at -\$18,500. That's a sizable step in the right direction! With just two more months to go this year, we're counting on a significant upsurge in giving leading up to Christmas to break even by the end of 2022.

Thank you for doing what you can to help!

If you need any help with giving envelopes (new supply, pick-up, etc.) or other giving options (monthly giving through PAR, E-Transfers or donating online through Canada Helps on the Salisbury Website), please contact Receptionist

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