



Johnsonville Uniting Church

Morning Worship

19 December 2021

Welcome to our Morning Worship Service

An audio of the sermon will be online later today.

4th Sunday of ADVENT: LOVE

Theme: Celebrating Christmas with music and prayer

ORDER OF SERVICE

Call to Worship

Come imagine the darkest night
Wait and let your eyes adjust
Come and let your troubles quiet
Wait and risk yourself to trust
Come and lift your eyes to heaven
Wait, sense the infinite expand
Come be open to what is given
Wait for grace with outstretched hand
Twinkle twinkle little star
We will wonder why you are
Leading us to a baby's cradle
It will become our communion table
Listen to the voice of the sky
It is a prayer, it is a sigh.

Hymn: Advent Carol © Jan Chamberlain

Children's story

Hymn: Away in a manger (WOV 242)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Confession

*Christmas is coming,
we need to prepare.
Is it ham, lamb or spam,
for the Christmas Day fare?
Is it togs at the beach,
or toys at the lake,
what will we fetch
and what will we bake?
With Mary in term,
will her baby arrive?
No room in our tent-
will we put them outside?*



Together:

God of the unknown,
Break into my life.
Find room in our place,
Amen.

Hymn: We sing the Lord's prayer

OT Reading: Micah 5:2-5a

Hymn: Kauri, Flax and Rata Trees *Norman E Brookes Tune : Oxford*

NT reading : Luke 1:46-55

Sermon

Hymn: Silent Night (WOV 236)

Offering and prayer

Prayers for others



Notices, Community time

Hymn: Joy to the world WOV 224

Benediction



This Week's People: 19 Dec 2021

Worship Leader: Rev John Howell
Organist: Sharmala David
Bible Reader: Jean Mundt & Wynand
Prayers for others: Graham Cockrane
Welcome/Notices: Lynne Newton
Tech Desk : Sound: Meg Lange
Tech Desk: PPT Andrew Donovan

Children's Programme Leaders: Naima Soa-Lafoa'i
Elma Day-Garden
Matt Lange
Stewards: Luisa Viliamu
Doug & Kathy Stirrat
Flowers: Judith Dunlop



Next Week's People: 25 Dec 2021

Worship Leader: Rev Reg Weeks
Organist: Judith Dunlop
Bible Reader: John Morrison
Welcome/Notice: Naima Soa-Lafoa'i
Tech Desk : Sound: Vernon Biggs
Desk: PPT Andrew Donovan

Children's Programme Leaders: Naima Soa-Lafoa'i
Matt Lange
Elma Day-Garden
Stewards: Luisa Viliamu
Jean & Dennis Mundt
Flowers: tba



Next Week's People: 26 Dec 2021

Worship Leader: Naima Soa-Lafoa'i
Organist: Judith Dunlop
Bible Reader: Not required
Welcome/Notice: Andrew Donovan
Tech Desk : Sound: Andrew Donovan
Desk: PPT Andrew Donovan

Children's Programme Leaders: Naima Soa-Lafoa'i
Matt Lange
Elma Day-Garden
Stewards: Luisa Viliamu
Alisi Barton
Flowers: tba



NOTICES FOR 19 DECEMBER 2021



Services in January 2022

2 Jan: Wadestown Presbyterian hosting hub Churches
9 Jan: Rev Reg Weeks JUC hosting hub Churches
16 Jan: Ngaio hosting hub churches (possibly at JUC)
23 Jan: Khandallah hosting hub Churches
30 Jan: Rev Reg Weeks JUC hosting Tawa

A Christmas themed morning tea

To be held today after our Church Service. You are all invited to stay and have a chat with someone new. This will be before our congregational meeting starts.

Covid-19 Traffic Light System for Church Services

To enable us to host church services under alert orange, we are going to observe a vaccine mandate for our services at JUC. This means you must display your vaccine pass when you come to church, or you can pop into the church to see Marinda (Tues – Friday, 10am – 2pm), who will record your name and sticker your nametag to show you have been checked for future services. If this is or could become a barrier for you, please contact Heather.

Congregational Meeting today after our Church Service

We will have a congregational meeting today after our church service to appoint 4 representatives for the Ministry Settlement Board. Rev. Donald Gordon from Wadestown is our MSB Convenor and will be chairing this meeting. We need a wide range of people on the MSB, to help search for our new minister.

Fundraising

Our next Fundraising event will be a Garage Sale to be held at JUC on Saturday 29/1/2022 from 9-12AM

We are looking for good quality items to sell.

This is an opportunity to declutter and sort out those items, that still have plenty of life left in them but you no longer need.

Please contact Jean or Dennis if you have suitable items to donate

Phone 4783165 or d.mundt@xtra.co.nz"

Some more Refugees are due in December

We are looking for any Household and Pantry Goods you're willing to donate Household Goods include: Pots and Pans, Cooking Utensils, Electrical goods (in good working order), Rice Cooker, Electric Blender or Beater, Rubbish Tin, Glassware, Mugs, Cutlery Linen - Towels, Duvet inners and covers. Blankets - all need to be without stains or holes Children's Bedding - with no military or supernatural themes, pirates, masked characters, or fighters Cot bedding - Sheets, Blankets, Duvet or Quilt and a Cot Protector Tea Towels, Bath Mats Brooms, Vacuum cleaner, Dust pan & brush, Mop. Iron, Ironing Board and cover Pantry items - Rice, Dry Pasta, Flour, Couscous, Sugar, tinned vegetables, tuna (no meat) Salt & Pepper, Herbs and Spices, Olive oil Toddlers food, tea, Coffee, Milo and Milk Powder

If you are able to help with any items or have queries, please contact Andrew Donovan andrewcdonovan@yahoo.co.uk or phone 021 1500805

Donations Table

a Fundraising table will be in the foyer each Sunday, for any new craft or good quality items you are happy to donate to JUC for Fundraising purposes. We are asking for a donation, rather than putting a price on things. So if you have suitable items, please bring them along on Sunday. Any queries please contact: Bruce, Dennis or Jean.

Parish pantry: Our local food banks collections will continue throughout the Dec holidays we welcome instant coffee, tea, soap and body wash, shampoo, conditioner, toilet paper, toothpaste, pasta sauce, tinned tomatoes, spaghetti and baked beans and lunchbox snacks, as well as woman's feminine products especially pads. Talk to Bev Donovan

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Advent Carol

Lord, give us HOPE this advent time,
that we may not despair
with tragedies and grief and pain
and sadness everywhere.
As we await Christ's coming
to live upon this earth,
may we find HOPE as we begin
to celebrate his birth.

Lord, give us PEACE this advent time,
that we may know as friend
those of another culture, creed;
that wars may have an end.
As we await Christ's coming
to live upon this earth,
may we find PEACE as we begin
to celebrate his birth.

Lord, give us JOY this advent time,
that we may share your light
throughout our whole community
and make our small world bright.
As we await Christ's coming
to live upon this earth,
may we find JOY as we begin
to celebrate his birth.

Lord, give us LOVE this advent time,
that we may serve and care;
to treat our neighbours as ourselves
and all our bounty share.
As we await Christ's coming
to live upon this earth,
may we find LOVE as we begin
to celebrate his birth.

Away in a manger (WOV 242)

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay.
2. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes,

I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.
3. Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

The Lord's prayer

*Our Father in heaven,
holy be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Do not put us to the test,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory
are yours now and for ever, Amen x8.*

Kauri, Flax and Rata Trees

Kauri, flax and rata trees,
ferns with Koru, signs are these
of new life: the Christ has come,
under Southern Cross, warm sun.

*Christ our Lord, be born anew:
shape our lives in all we do.
In this South Pacific land
Let your peace and justice stand*

Land of lakes, and rushing streams,
snow-capped mountains, deep ravines:
teach us all Lord Christ, to be
stewards of this rich beauty.

In this highly favoured place,
make us clear signs of your grace;
break down walls of selfish greed,
justice bring to all in need.

Then shall Christmas here be found
deep in Aotearoa's ground;
mountains, lakes and peoples too,
all will render praise to you.

Norman E Brookes Tune : Oxford

Hymn: Silent Night (WOV 236)

1. Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
`round yon virgin mother and child,
Holy infant so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia;
Christ the Saviour is born, Christ the Saviour is born.
3. Silent night, holy night, Son of God, Loves pure light.
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace.
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Joy to the world WOV 224

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come;
let earth receive her King;
et every heart prepare Him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and heaven and nature sing.
2. Joy to the world! The Saviour reigns;
let all their song employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
3. He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove,
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, and wonders of His love.

Isaac Watts 1674-1748