



Johnsonville Uniting Church

Morning Worship – Advent One

Sunday 29 November 2020



Welcome to our Service

An audio of the sermon will be online later today.

Advent 1: HOPE

Words to Ponder

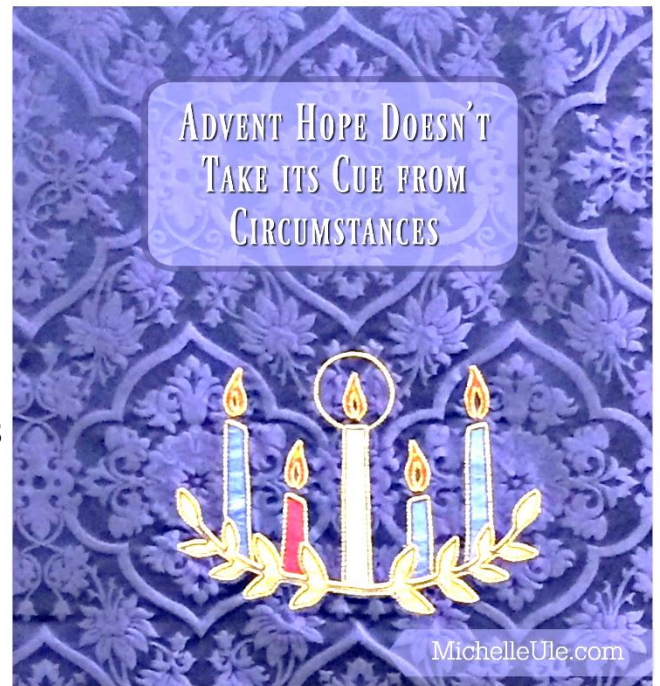
We are entering the time of Advent,
in preparation for Christmas.

Advent reminds us that if God is to be
born again
in the most ordinary parts of our world
and our lives
that we need prepare for it.

We need to make the space in our lives
where love might be born.

Welcome to this tiny corner of a harsh
and dark world.

Together, let us practice being ready
in the faith that Christ will come.



Order of Service:

Word of welcome

Moment of silence

Call to worship:

Leanie: On the first Sunday of Advent we gather-people of faith

JUC: and no faith,

Leanie: people of hope

JUC: and no hope,

Leanie: people of peace

JUC: and no peace.

Leanie: In this season of waiting we gather with the longing to be made
whole again

JUC: If just for this time, here and now

Leanie: As we anticipate the coming of the Lord we gather with a prayer,

JUC: however vague and tenuous,

Leanie: that in spite of the absence of virgins and angels,

JUC: wise men and shepherds,

Leanie: we might still be a witness

JUC: to the birth of all love.

Leanie: We gather as ready as we'll ever be for this story of faith to unfold.

Sing: Hark the Herald Angels Sing (CH4 301: Vv 1 and 3)

Notices and community time

Birthdays and celebrations

Advent time is waiting time

Light the 1st Advent Candle

Sing: Come Thou Long Expected Jesus (CH4 472: Vv 1-4)

Commissioning of Parish Council

Reading Isaiah 64: 1-9 Wynand du Plessis

Tamariki time

Sing: Away in a Manger (CH4 312: Vv 1-3)

Reflection

Sing in response to message:
Carol our Christmas, our Upside Down Christmas
(AA 9: Vv 1,2,4)

Poem Mary Mason

Prayer for others

Offering

Benediction

Sing: Lord give us Hope this Advent Time (V 1)
(To the tune of: CH4 304, FOREST GREEN)



This Week's People (29 Nov 2020)

Worship Leader Rev Leanie Lemmer
Organist: Sharmala David
Bible Reader Wynand du Plessis
Welcome/Notices Lynne Newton
Tech Desk (Sound) Edward Lemmer
Tech Desk (PPT) Jean Mundt/Weldon Bond

Stewards (November)

{ Barbara Weight,
Andrew Donovan,
Sandra Gaelic

Children's Prog Leaders

{ Naima Soa-Lafoa'i
and Matt Lange

Morning Tea

Diane Ryan / Mary Mason

Flowers

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Next Week's People (6 Dec 2020)

Worship Leader Rev Leanie Lemmer
Organist: Sharmala David
Bible Reader: Sandra Gaelic
Prayers for Others Karen Billings-Jensen
Welcome/Notices Andrew Donovan
Communion Contact Karen Parminter
Tech Desk (Sound) Georgina Lafoa'i
Tech Desk (Ppt) Andrew Donovan

Stewards

(December)

{ Luisa Viliamu, Janet McFadden
Val Elmey, Rob Wilkinson

Children's Prog Leaders

{ Naima Soa-Lafoa'i
and Matt Lange

Morning Tea

Mary Mason / Diane Ryan

Flowers

Christmas Decorations



NOTICES for 29 Nov 2020

Mid-Week Communion

will be on **Thursday 3 December at 2pm**. The service is open to all. Please feel free to bring a friend. The service will conclude with afternoon tea, and will finish by 3pm.

The Worship Ministry Team

The Worship Ministry team, (under Public Worship in our Mission Plan), has replaced the Worship Forum that had existed some time back. Janet McFadden is leading this ministry, and we welcome any questions or suggestions from within our church family: email those to Janet, at jmcf64@gmail.com.

Churches of Johnsonville Float for the **Johnsonville Christmas Parade** on **Saturday 5th December at 11am**. If you would like to join us, we'd love to have you take part.

At JUC Friday 4th December, 7:30pm -blow up Balloons and get things ready.

At JUC Saturday morning , 9am assembling the float.

Please contact Andrew Donovan (donovans@actrix.gen.nz) for more details.

Christmas Baskets

Small items are welcome for Christmas baskets for members of our parish who are not always able to come to Church.

Donations in next 2 weeks – new SMALL appropriate items eg: drawer liners and sachets, purse packs of fancy tissues, hand cream, body wash, liquid soaps, body cream or oil, shampoo & conditioner, deodorant, small fun Christmas novelties, little cakes or packets of sweets, and biscuits. Snacks suitable for diabetics. NO talcum powder or bars of soap this time please.

There will be a box in the foyer for your donated items for the next two weeks. Baskets will be distributed before Christmas. Your donations are appreciated.

JUC Prayer Vine please let Judith Dunlop know your prayer needs.

SMALL GROUPS:

Our last Small group for the year started on **24 Nov**. It will be running for only 3 more weeks AND IT IS A GOOD ONE. Tuesdays 10 am and 7:30 pm AT JUC, both lead by Leanie.

We will watch and discuss the movie **UP**. You will be surprised by all the wonderful theological undertones in the movie. Yes, there will be popcorn. Let Leanie know which group you (and your family) would like to join.

Morning Tea Duty

For current participants: Thank-you for your excellent work this year. Are you happy to continue for the 2021 roster?

Interested in joining the roster? There's plenty of room - we would love to have you. It's a great opportunity to chat while you pour.

To update your participation, please talk to, email, text, or phone:
Sherryn Stuart 021 207 2589 sherrynjs@hotmail.com

All Ages Christmas Service is on **Sunday 13 December**. (Advent 3)

Please be sure to take note of this date. Especially our kids, you do not want to miss this one.

Christmas Carol Service is on **Sunday 20 December**.

Music with the Cantate Choir on **Sunday 13 December, 2.30pm at JUC**.

RSVP by 6 Dec to Judith Dunlop (478 5252 or email dunlop-bjf@xtra.co.nz)

Collecting:

- **Wine bottle tops**, beer caps and old spectacles. Please talk to or contact Sandra Gaelic - sgaelic@gmail.com

- **Bread bag tags and plastic containers.** Please bring these to church with you.
- **Food banks** - When delivering food to Johnsonville Community Centre, I asked Kim if there was anything they were short of. Please remember them: Instant coffee, tea, tins of spaghetti, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste all are appreciated on Sundays.
- **Christmas baskets for members of our parish** who are not able to come to church. Small items are welcome for donations – eg: purse packs of fancy tissues, Shampoo/conditioner, Fun Christmas novelties, Little cakes or sweets, Snacks for diabetics, Deodorant, liquid soaps, Hand cream, body wash, Drawer liners & sachets. (No soap or powder).

Like to Sing Christmas Carols?

Come and join us on **Tuesday 15th December at Cashmere Home Helston Road** at 6pm. We will sing carols with the residents before they retire for the night.

Then along to **Cashmere Heights** and sing with their residents. This will probably be over by 7.30 pm, so not a late night.

We normally leave a Christmas basket at each home from Johnsonville Uniting Church, for the residents and staff. If you would like to provide something to be included in this, please see Bev Donovan 4780 944

Christmas Concerts and Festivals from all over.

Please see the Notice Board for flyers with more information



25 November 2020



Building Thoughts

I am learning that the art of building is all about the timing – a bit like comedy. Four key elements need to come together to make things work and it seems to be harder and harder to get the timing right. The saw-horse needs four legs to be useful, and in building the four elements are permission, builders, material and weather. When one is missing everything else is waiting for the timing to correct itself.



Building a church requires those four legs as well. Permission includes the dreams and plans, safety audits and authorised consent. The builders are the people that make things happen – including contractors who come in for specific tasks. The material is what we work with and the fabric of what we are building – including the likes of Zoom and modern music. The weather is the external context in which we minister – the socio-economic matrix of the parish.

When all four legs are present we have a firm foundation on which to build and the promise of what might be. But it is never as easy as it sounds.

Pray this week for the timing of the church – that we may recognise who to bring together, what they need, and how they might proclaim the hope of the Gospel to the world.

I am taking time away from the office over the next month to be a builder's labourer where I can, I will keep up email contacts, but there may be a delay.

Peter Mackenzie Executive Secretary

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Words for Hymns

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

(CH4 301: Vv 1 and 3)

1. Hark! the herald angels sing,
'Glory to the new-born King,
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!'
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies,
With the angelic host proclaim,
'Christ is born in Bethlehem'.
*Hark! the herald angels sing,
'Glory to the new-born King'.*

- 3 Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Risen with healing in His wings.
Mild he lays His glory by,
Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth,
Born to give us second birth.
*Hark! the herald angels sing,
'Glory to the new-born King'.*

Words: Charles Wesley 1(707-1788)

Music: MENDELSSOHN, Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy (1809-47)

Adapted by William Mayman Cummings (1831-1915)

OR: BERLIN, Mendelssohn

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Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

(CH4 472)

1. Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from out fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.
2. Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art,
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.
3. Born thy people to deliver,
born a child, and yet a King,
born to reign in us for ever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
4. By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: STUTTGART, in C.E. Watt's *Psalmodia Sacra*,
Gotha, 1715, *adapted*

Away in a Manger

(CH4 312: Vv 1-3)

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 on the hay.

2. The cattle are lowing,
The baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus
no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus!
Look down from the sky
and stay by my side until
morning is nigh.

3. Be near me, Lord Jesus;
I ask thee to stay
close by me for ever,
and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children
in Thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven
to live with Thee there.

Words: *Little children's book*, Philadelphia, 1895
Author unknown

OR:

Words: John Thomas McFarland?
Martin Luther?

Music: CRADLE SONG, William James Kirkpatrick (1828-1921)
Around the World with Christmas, 1895
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Sing in response to message:

Carol our Christmas, our Upside Down Christmas

(AA 9: Vv 1,2,4)

1. Carol our Christmas,
an upside down Christmas;
snow is not falling and
trees are not bare.
Carol the summer, and
welcome the Christ Child,
warm in our sunshine and
sweetness of air.
2. Sing of the gold and the
green and the sparkle,
water and river and lure
of the beach.
Sing in the happiness
of open spaces,
sing a nativity summer
can reach!
- 4 Right side up Christmas belongs
to the universe,
made in the moment
a woman gives birth;
hope is the Jesus gift,
love is the offering,
everywhere, anywhere,
here on the earth.

Words: © Shirley Murray

Music: © Colin Gibson

Lord, Give us Hope this Advent Time

(V 1)

(To the tune of: CH4 304, FOREST GREEN)

1. 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.

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Tune: O Little Town of Bethlehem (traditional)