



**FAIRVIEW UNITED CHURCH**  
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Our vision: Fairview United Church is a community of people of all ages who share their talents, invite leadership, and grow the church.

Young children are welcome to enjoy our Nursery located in the Hall down the stairs off the foyer. We encourage everyone to come to church scent free.

\* indicates to stand if you are able.

## **Gathering**

*Everyone is invited to write their prayer concerns in the book by the door.*

**Prelude:** In the Bleak Midwinter by Gustav Holst, arr. Gina Sprunger

**Opening Hymn: MV 4 "All Who Are Thirsty"**

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Words of Welcome**

**The Life, Work, and Prayer Concerns of the Church**

**Lighting the Advent Candle – The Candle of Hope**

One: As we look toward the night sky, we see the sparkle of stars set against the depth of infinite space. We feel humbled by the vastness of the universe and overwhelmed by what we do not know.

**All: Open us to recognize your presence all around us, even when all seems shadowed and overwhelming.** (*light the first candle*)

**All Sing: VU 6** “A Candle is Burning” (vs 1)

**\*Opening Prayer** (unison)

Light of the World, in the dawning of Advent, awaken us to signs of your presence. Be with us in this time of waiting. May the eager anticipation so much a part of this festive time be transformed into a deep yearning for your reign of hope and love. We pray in the name of the One who comes. Amen.

**Sharing Our Journey: A Time When I Experienced Deep Hope**  
Blake McInnes

**\*Hymn: VU 7** “Hope Is a Star”

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**The Meaning of the Service**

**\*Hymn: VU 9** “People, Look East”

**The Significance of the Colours**

**\*Hymn: VU 2** “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

**The Blessing of the Christmas Tree**

**All:** Loving God, we come with joy to celebrate the birth of Your Son, Jesus Christ. May this tree, arrayed in splendor, remind us of the life-giving cross of Christ. May it remind us of the reason we celebrate, and may we always rejoice in the new life that shines in our hearts. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

**The Evergreens and Words of Everlasting Life**

**\*Hymn: VU 25** “Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending”

**We Listen for the Word**

Jeremiah 33:14-16

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Luke 21:25-36

## The Poinsettia Like a Red Star of Bethlehem

**Gift of Music:** O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Text & music: traditional plavisong, arr. Sally Deford

## The Eternal Circle of the Wreaths

**\*Hymn: VU 22** “Wait for the Lord”

**Preparation for Prayer: MV 18** “Lord, Prepare Me”

## Prayers of the People

### We Offer Our Gifts

**\*Offertory Response: MV 182** “Grateful” (refrain)

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*God’s Mysterious Presence**

**\*Hymn: VU 29** “Hark the Glad Sound”

**\*Blessing** (unison)

May the light of hope burn brightly in our hearts,  
preparing the way for the Christ child.

May we be the signs of hope in our world,  
as we prepare during this season of Advent.

And may we always know that we never go alone,  
for God our Creator, Jesus our Brother,  
and the Holy Spirit our Sustainer  
are our constant companions. Amen.

**\*Sending Forth**

**Postlude:** Prepare the Way from Then Svenska Psalmboken, arr. Ben Logan

*Thank you to the UCW, who served as our ushers today*

**Next Sunday: *Lectionary readings for next week, as found on page 998 of Voices United:***

Baruch 5:1-9 or Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79;  
Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6

**Upcoming Events at Fairview**

**Today following church:** Book Club

**Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup>:** UCW Dinner & Candlelighting Service

**Wednesday the 5<sup>th</sup>:** Seniors' Lunch

**Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup>:** Service with Baptism & Transfer of Membership

**Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm:** Maplestone Service

*Poinsettias have been placed in loving memory of:*

*Lloyd by Marilyn and Family*

*Loved ones from the Archibald Family*

*Loved ones from Marg & Brian*

Poinsettias may be brought to beautify our sanctuary.

Please give dedications to the Secretary  
for inclusion in the bulletin.

“Stories Behind the Great Traditions of Christmas”

Ace Collins' book is available in our Library, where you will find other books for Advent and Christmas for all ages.

**Fairview Cares**

There will be a short meeting after church today in the Parlour for those who have signed up or who are interested in visiting.

**Again this year, during Advent,  
the UCW will turn on lights in memory of loved ones  
on Christmas Trees in front of the church.**

Anyone wishing to dedicate one or more lights (\$5 per light) can do so by placing the donation in an envelope marked "UCW Tree Lighting" and placing it on the collection plate.

Please include a note stating

1. who is making the donation;
2. in whose memory;
3. how many lights;

4. your envelope number or address for a receipt.

If you prefer, you may phone Cheryl Walker (902-443-8010) or Marilyn MacKenzie (902-443-7714).

Each Sunday there will be an insert in the bulletin listing the names of those being remembered with lights, along with the names of those making the dedication.

The names will be recorded in the UCW Memorial Book.

**Donations will be accepted until December 16<sup>th</sup>.**

### **UCW Christmas Raffle**

First Prize: Gift Card Tree and Second Prize: Beautiful Gift Basket  
Tickets: \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00

Draw Date: December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018, tickets available from the UCW

### **White Gift Sunday – December 16<sup>th</sup>**

Donations suitable for young children will be given to the Family Resource Center. Contributions of non-perishable food will be sent to the Food Bank.

### **Observer Subscriptions**

Are due by the end of this month. If paying your \$25.00 by cheque, please make it out to Fairview United Church. Envelopes are available as you enter the sanctuary.

### **United Church's Gifts with Vision Catalogue**

We are asking that anyone with a copy of the catalogue to return it to the back table in the sanctuary so that others could review it – thanks!

### **From the Church in Society Division of UCW**

The UCW will place a container at the back of the sanctuary for stamps. OXFAM volunteers are looking for foreign, Canadian & commemorative stamps, as well as the entire envelope, if there is a clearly identifiable town or registered/special delivery postmark.

### **Christmas Concert and Coffee House with Rachel MacLean**

Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm at Calvin Presbyterian Church  
 Tickets: \$20 adults, \$10 students, for tickets call 902-443-0909

### **Taizé Prayer at St. John's United Church, Halifax**

Today at 7pm at the Maritime Conservatory of Performing Arts

### **RCCO Service of Lessons & Carols for Advent and Christmas**

Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm at Cathedral Church of All Saints

### **Christmas Tea & Sale and Silent Auction**

Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 12-2pm at St. James UC, Dartmouth  
 \$10 per ticket, \$4 children under 12

For tickets: call church office at 902-464-8852 or purchase at door

### **Dartmouth Choral Society's Seasonal Reflections Concert**

Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at Grace UC, Dartmouth; \$15

### **Festival of Carols Presented by The Jubilate Singers**

Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at St. Mark's Church; tickets \$15  
 Proceeds to Christmas food boxes and donations to Food Bank  
 Call 902-454-0207 or email [stmarkshalifax@bellalaint.com](mailto:stmarkshalifax@bellalaint.com)

### **Breakfast with Santa Presented by Girl Guides**

Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-11am at Fairview UC  
 Pancakes & sausages: \$8, \$12 12 & under; lots of fun!

### **Contemporary Arts Society's Christmas Show & Sale**

Scotia Square, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, from November 29<sup>th</sup> until December 15<sup>th</sup>

### **Symphony Nova Scotia: Handel's Messiah**

December 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium

Save 10% on tickets by using the code word "Dvorak"

Tickets: call 902-494-3820, visit [www.symphonymovascotia.ca](http://www.symphonymovascotia.ca) or drop by the Dal Arts Box Office

## Camp Kidston Needs You!

**D**o you know about Camp Kidston? Located on 500+ acres of pristine wilderness, Kidston is a Spirit-filled, oasis for people of all ages. Each summer Kidston welcomes over 300 children and youth from all walks of life; children of our congregations and the wider communities of HRM, Colchester County and beyond. Owned and operated by the UCC, Kidston staff and board “actively work to create a just, nurturing environment in which all are fully free to be themselves and explore their place in creation.” (Mission Statement) Through programs such as canoe / kayak, swimming, sports and games, adventure camping, faith exploration and campfires, Kidston provides life changing week long experiences of fun, friendship and faith, for campers and their leaders.

Our volunteer board has worked exceptionally hard in these past few years to create sustainable structures and systems through which Kidston can grow and thrive. Now, in order to continue sharing this incredibly valuable ministry with our children and youth, we need your help. There are both short and longer term volunteer opportunities that **must** be filled.

Presently, Camp Kidston has a specific opening for

- a registrar
- a bookkeeper
- personnel team members

On an ongoing basis, we are seeking people who have:

- ability with tools and skill in carpentry and the trades
- a love for landscaping,
- fundraising and finance experience,
- personnel and HR experience,
- PR and marketing ability,

If you'd like to be part of a small but mighty team, are passionate about children and protecting our earth, and wish to make a real difference in a world that often seems so discouraging, please consider joining our team!

Contact co-chairs, Rev. David Hart and Rev. Jen Power  
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