

Sunset United Church



December 15 - Advent 3

Choir & Baptism Sunday

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Sunset United, located on Treaty 4 Territory,
is an Affirming community of faith. All are welcome here.

WE GATHER

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Hymn: VU#395 Come In, Come In and Sit Down

Advent Candle Lighting

This Advent we take this season of waiting,

Waiting for someone to gift us

With the kind of neighbourhood

We want to live in,

And we turn it into a season of action:

Of living the way we want the world to be.



The gift I would most like to give you is Joy

Joy that comes when everyone has what they need

Because those who have, choose to share.

May we be good neighbours.

May we have and spread joy.

May we have and live peace.

May we have and share hope.

“Thank you, God. Amen.”

Sing: MV#220 Hope Shines as a Solitary Star

Joy shines as a solitary star,

Faith is the inner light.

You and I together mirror the Light of Lights

And illumine the pathway home.

Musical Reflection:

Gentle Alleluia

Call to Worship:

Promises are made and hope is the result.

**Advent is the glorious season of hope-filled
expectation!**

Signs of anticipation and yearning surround us.

**We long for the Christ child – the One who brings
hope!**

Opening Prayer:

Advent God, today we come with joy in our hearts.

We come for this time of celebration,

**Away from the hustle and bustle of our daily lives. As
we listen, sing, bless and pray together, may we be
filled with joy in the totality of who we are. Amen.**

WE LISTEN

Musical Reflection:

Air for Advent

Clear was the Night

Now my Spirit Sings

Sharing the Story

Celebrating the Baptism of

James Ray Stearn

Son of David and Trina

Brother to Nicholas

Congregational Commitment

As a dedicated and faithful community
Do you commit yourselves to support and nurture
These people, and this child,
Within a community that worships God,
Loves and serves others,
Seeks justice,
And resists evil?
Will you love and nurture James
As a member of this community,
Now and in the days to come?

We will God being our helper.

Please join me in speaking the New Creed:

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:**

to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.

Baptism

Hymn: VU#412 This is the Day

Musical Reflection:

Rise Up Children, Arise
Celtic Christmas Lullaby
Welcome to Our World

Scripture: Isaiah 35: 1-10
Luke 1: 46-55

Reflection

Musical Reflection:

Holy is the Newborn Child
Can This Be God's Son
O Little Town of Bethlehem

WE RESPOND

Offering Collection and Dedication

Hymn: VU#55 In the Bleak Midwinter (v.4)
Prayer

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer (sung)

Musical Finale:

Rejoice, Christ is Born!

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude