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10:00 a.m.

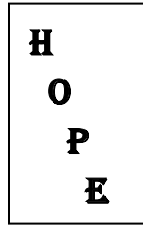
First Sunday in Advent

“Those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength...”

Isaiah 40:31

Prelude

We Gather



Welcome

We are a caring, serving community,
faithfully journeying and trusting in the mystery that is God,
seeking joy, peace and justice for all.

Call to Worship: Elaine Bidgood Sweet

Come in hope this day.

**Come to worship our God,
source of our deepest desires.**

Let the light dance and anticipation stir.

It is Advent;

the season of waiting and longing for Christ's arrival.

Now is the time to worship with hope.

♪ Gathering Hymn: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* VU1 vss. 1,2,6,7

Life and Work of the Congregation

Acknowledgement of First Nation Territories

♪ Advent Centering Hymn: *Wait for the Lord* VU 22

Lighting of Advent Candle Don Styles, Seeley's Bay UC

Today we kindle the Advent candle of hope.

**We welcome the light that pierces the shadows,
the light that affirms God's presence, the light
that enables us to move forward in faith.**



Come, Holy Stranger, beacon of hope on this Advent journey;
welcome us as we welcome you.

We receive the light of hope.

♪ Sung Response – *A Candle is Burning* VU 6 vs. 1

Advent Prayer of Approach Ryan McNally, St. Mark's UC, Cannifton, ON

We pray for hope, in a world that sometimes feels hopeless:

God, grant us a vision of your future,

so that we may have hope.

Let it give us strength in hard times and

be a cause for celebration in times of delight.

Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.



We Proclaim

Learning Together

♪ Sung Response: *We Three Kings* The Hymnal 166 vs. 1

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 40: 27-31

Reflection: The Waiting Season: Hope

We Respond to God's Word

♪ Hymn: *God of Still Waiting* MV 20

Presenting our Gifts and Offerings:

♪ Offertory Hymn: *We Give Our Thanks to God* MV 187 (vs. 1)
Prayer of Dedication

A Time of Prayer:

Joys and Concerns

♪ Prayer Song – *And When You Call For Me* MV 96

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

We Go Forth

♪ Hymn: *Let My Spirit Always Sing* MV 83

Commissioning and Benediction

♪ Sung Response: *When You Walk from Here* VU 298

Postlude

Assisting in Worship This Week:

Greeters: Helen Scott & Judith Moody **Scripture Reader:** Sue Hale

Coffeemakers: Shirley Jensen & Margaret Roxburgh

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Scripture Reading – December 9, 2018 – Luke 3:1-6

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THIS WEEK

2 <u>10 A.M., SERVICE</u> <i>Bring-a-Toy for the Christmas Bureau Lunch</i>	3	4 9am, Property & Maintenance <u>10:00am-Prayer Shawl Group</u> 7pm, Zumba	5 11:30am, United Church Women 3pm, Pickleball	6 Noon-2pm, Advent Study (bring a bag lunch)	7	8 SDA 
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Coming Up at Colebrook:

Dec. 16, 4pm, Blue Christmas Service

Dec. 23, 10am, Christmas Pageant

Dec. 24, 7pm, Christmas Eve Service

Happening Elsewhere - - - see bulletin board

Dec. 3 (Monday), Women's Advent Service at Peninsula UC (2756 127 St., Surrey). **7pm** (warm drink, goodies & conversation), **7:30pm**, Service. Take time for this annual opportunity to calm your heart & mind in preparation for Advent. All women are warmly invited to attend this service. For more information go to: www.peninsulaunited.com.

Dec. 8 (Saturday), 7:30pm, Vancouver Bach Choir presents: Handel's Messiah. Pre-concert talk **6:45pm**. Bell Performing Arts Centre