

WELCOME TO WORSHIP ON DECEMBER 19TH, 2021.

Keswick & Ravenshoe Pastoral Charge

Minister: Rev. Calin Lau VAM: Rev. Dianne Graves
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VU – Voices United Hymnbook MV – More Voices

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Prelude

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Pass the Peace

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

Lighting of the Advent candle – Love *Andrea Brown/
Pat & Philip Wellman*

Love abundant overflows, pouring into our midst. Arise, take heart,
and love deeply!

The glow of God the Divine Lover lightens our hearts.

We are together and never alone. Gathered on this fourth Sunday in
Advent we witness God's deep love and tender compassion for the
whole world. Our witness is love.

Video - (Candles from previous week are lit. A representative of the
Choir to light the love candle *Dale Sangster*)

Singing of the Lord's Prayer VU 960

Call to Worship

God is making great changes to our world. Are you ready to take
part?

**We have come to do God's will: to work for justice, to bring
balance back to our living.**

God is making great changes to our world. Are you ready to take
part?

**We have come to do God's will: to seek and celebrate God's
surprising love, to establish God's Realm here on earth.**

Come, let us worship God, who comes into our world to reconcile
and make things new.

Hymn: VU 59 Joy to the World (v. 1, 2, 4)

Gathering Prayer (*unison*)

**O God, we delight in your amazing, surprising, and
revolutionary ways. Open our hearts this Christmas season to
sing with Elizabeth and Mary your song of justice and salvation
to all the world. Amen.**

**Responsive Scripture: Song of Mary (Magnificat) VU 898
Refrain 2**

Hymn: VU 64 O Little Town of Bethlehem (v. 2, 3, 4)

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:39-45 (NRSV)
Andrea Brown/Marilyn Butcher

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in
the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and
greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child
leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit
and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and
blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me,
that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the
sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And
blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what
was spoken to her by the Lord."

This is the Word of God.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection "Nurtured by God's Promise"

Hymn: VU 29 Hark the Glad Sound (v. 1, 2, 3)

We Give and Receive our Offering

We live in the wonderful reality of God's promise. We live in the joyous hope of God's new day. Let us give thanks to God as we share our gifts and make an offering.

Offertory Hymn: VU 540 Grant Us, God, the Grace

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

We offer this day all that we are and all that we will be.
We receive God's abundance born in Jesus, God's child.
We give back to God as we see Christ in all God's children.

Minutes of Mission – (Video: Second Chances)

Prayers of the People

Hymn: VU 7 Hope Is a Star (v. 4)

***Commissioning and Blessing**

Wrap yourself in your arms. Feel your warmth – that life within you;
feel your chest fill with air as you breathe – that life within you;
feel your heartbeat softly thudding – that life within you.
Go now into the world, knowing the life God has placed within you.
It is a reason for hope: God's promise is alive in you. God's love is breathing in you and the world is changing with each and every breath you take.
Go, and birth Jesus in your world, that all may be turned upside down – and right-side up.
Amen.

Hymn: VU 429 May the Blessing of God Be Upon You

Postlude

Keswick & Ravenshoe United Church Fourth Sunday of Advent



*December 19th, 2021
Rev. Calvin Lau*

Announcements:

On behalf of Ravenshoe UC fundraiser I would like to extend our thanks to all of you for purchasing our Christmas goodies. I hope you all enjoy your cakes and shortbread.

Our thanks to Marilyn, Wayne, and John for their help in putting this together. Once again, we were able to raise \$ 1,015.00 for our little church in Ravenshoe.

On behalf of Ann and myself we would like to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a healthy, happy 2022.

Bill and Ann Potts

The Gathering Place will be closed on Dec 23rd and Dec 30th.

The Keswick UC will be collecting socks in the New Year to donate to “Inn Out of the Cold.”

Mittens, scarves and hats will be donated to the Sandgate Women’s Shelter in the New Year.

Ravenshoe’s AGM will be Jan. 23rd. Please have your reports in to the office by Jan. 5th. Thank you.

Christmas Eve service this year will be a virtual online service.

Please Note:

The Keswick/Ravenshoe Reopening Committee meeting was held on Dec. 14th. Following a discussion and considering traditional attendance for services on Dec. 26th and through January, as well as the current increase in COVID-19 cases, a decision was agreed upon to suspend live services for

December 26th, 2021

January 2nd, 2022

January 9th

January 16th

January 23rd

January 30th

The Reopening Committee will meet again in January 2022 to assess the COVID-19 situation and decide whether to reopen in February.

Thank you

Keswick/Ravenshoe Reopening Committee

Rev. Calin Lau, Diane Armstrong, Helen & Jack Wilson, Judy

Dewar, Marilyn Butcher, John Anderson