

**Grey Street United Church  
DECEMBER 15, 2019**

**ADVENT 3**

**Sunday of Love**

\* *Stand as you are able. Words in **bold** spoken by all.*

GATHERING CAROL: VU 10 “Prepare the Way of the Lord”

A STATEMENT OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

We are gathered for worship and work in Treaty One Territory, which is also the homestead of the Metis Nation. For thousands of years Indigenous Peoples walked this land and knew it to be the centre of their lives and their spirituality. - *By the Right Reverend Stan Mackay*

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH:

OPENING PRAYER and LORD’S PRAYER: *(spoken):*

\*HYMN: MV 83 “Let My Spirit Always Sing”

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING: Advent 3 – Love

ADVENT PRAYER SONG: “This Little Candle of Mine”

ANTHEM: “African Psalm”

ANGELS AMONG US

TIME WITH THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART:

*“Making Christmas Count”*

\*CHILDREN’S HYMN: MV 33 “Jesus Came Bringing Us Hope”

SCRIPTURE READING:

James 5:7-10 - *Wait patiently for the coming of the Lord.*

Matthew 11:2-11 - *John’s disciples visit Jesus.*

We give God thanks for these readings of Holy Scripture.

**Amen!**

MESSAGE:

\*HYMN: MV 134 “There Was a Child in Galilee”

CALLED TO BE THE CHURCH:

*Moderator’s message*

OFFERING:

*(during this time, “Prayer Candles” may be lit)*

\*OFFERING HYMN: MV 172 “God Says” *(text on screen)*

\*OFFERING PRAYER:

*Please Be Seated*

PRAYER INTROIT: MV 19 “Maranatha”

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

\*HYMN: VU 9 “People, Look East”

\*SENDING FORTH:

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION:

MV 216 “Wherever You May Go” *(Chorus, twice)*

POSTLUDE:

**James 5:7-10** *(New Revised Standard Version)*

<sup>7</sup> Be patient, therefore, beloved,<sup>[a]</sup> until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup> You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>9</sup> Beloved,<sup>[c]</sup> do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! <sup>10</sup> As an example of suffering and patience, beloved,<sup>[d]</sup> take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

**Matthew 11:2-11** *(New Revised Standard Version)*

<sup>2</sup> When John heard in prison what the Messiah<sup>[a]</sup> was doing, he sent word by his<sup>[b]</sup> disciples <sup>3</sup> and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup> the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers<sup>[c]</sup> are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. <sup>6</sup> And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

<sup>7</sup> As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind?

<sup>8</sup> What then did you go out to see? Someone<sup>[d]</sup> dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. <sup>9</sup> What then did you go out to see? A prophet?<sup>[e]</sup> Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.

<sup>10</sup> This is the one about whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way before you.’

<sup>11</sup> Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

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