



FROM
GENERATION
TO GENERATION...
There's room for every story

First Sunday of Advent

Rest ✦ Reset ✦ Renew

November 27, 2022, 10:30am

"God's mercy is shared from generation to generation" -that is part of Mary's song of celebration we call the Magnificat. This Advent we celebrate that the Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love of Jesus is shared from generation to generation.

Gathering in the FBCH Sanctuary

Prayer candles are available in the north transept if you would like to light one as part of your prayer this morning. For more information about the life of FBCH, visit our website: fbchalifax.ca or like us on social media.

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Prelude

Lynette Wahlstrom, Organ

Pastorale from Messiah -G.F. Handel

Ringing of the Trinity

Welcome

Paula Zanello Antunes

If joining on Facebook Live or YouTube we invite you to say hello to everyone by posting a comment to the live stream.

Introit

Senior Choir

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming (v. 1)

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming
from tender stem hath sprung,
of Jesse's lineage coming,
by faithful prophets sung.
It came, a floweret bright,
amid the cold of winter,
when half spent was the night.

Call to Worship: Matthew 1:1-3

Rhonda Schofield

The Gospel of Matthew reminds us the story of Jesus stretches back for generations:

*^{1:1}An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham. ²Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, ³and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by **Tamar**...*

Silent Reflection

**Stand as you are able*

***Processional Carol**

JESUS CHRIST: BIRTH

Once in Royal David's City 140

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly
2 He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and
3 Je - sus is our child - hood's pat - tern; day by day like
4 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re -

cat - tle shed, where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a
Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his
us he grew; he was lit - tle, weak and help - less; tears and
deem - ing love; for that child so dear and gen - tle is our

man - ger for his bed: Mar - y was that moth - er
cra - dle was a stall; with the poor and meek and
smiles like us he knew; and he feels for all our
Lord in heaven a - bove; and he leads his chil - dren

mild; Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.
low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.
on to the place where he is gone.

The musical score consists of four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

Like "All Things Bright and Beautiful" (see no. 20), this popular Christmas hymn was written by an Irish poet to illustrate for children the various articles of the Apostles' Creed. It is not known which of several English villages the composer had in mind when naming this tune.

TEXT: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848, alt.
MUSIC: Henry John Gauntlett, 1849; harm. Arthur Henry Mann, 1919

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8.7.8.7.7.7

Lighting of the Hope Candle

Skylar Dixon,
Sheila and Jim Stanley

From generation to generation, we are a people of hope.
Our hearts are full of anticipation for the coming
of our beloved Christ Child.
For God is to be among us
and we will see a great light in the midst of our night.

What is hope?

Hope is...

Let us light the Candle of Hope.

Advent Candle Lighting Song:

Hope is a Candle (Verse 1)

Hope is a candle, once lit by the prophets,
never consumed, though it burns through the years;
dim in the daylight of power and privilege
when they are gone, hope will shine on.

Advent Prayer of Approach

God of the ages,
in scripture we hear stories of people like us—
ordinary people,
people who longed to know your hope,
people who made mistakes—
old, young,
native, immigrant,
new to the faith, lifelong believer.

In scripture we hear stories of people like us,
so just as you walked with them, help us to hear and remember
all the ways that you walk with us. Amen.

Children's Story

Rhonda Schofield

Children going into Primary-Grade 6 are invited to go to Godly Play.
Today's Godly Play story: Advent 1

*Doxology - VENI EMMANUEL

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Christ, all people here below, Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore.
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to Thee, O Israel!

First Testament Reading: Genesis 38:11-30

New Revised Standard Version

^{38:11}Then Judah said to his daughter-in-law Tamar, 'Remain a widow in your father's house until my son Shelah grows up' —for he feared that he too would die, like his brothers. So Tamar went to live in her father's house.

¹²In course of time the wife of Judah, Shua's daughter, died; when Judah's time of mourning was over, he went up to Timnah to his sheep-shearers, he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite. ¹³When Tamar was told, 'Your father-in-law is going up to Timnah to shear his sheep', ¹⁴she put off her widow's garments, put on a veil, wrapped herself up, and sat down at the entrance to Enaim, which is on the road to Timnah. She saw that Shelah was grown up, yet she had not been given to him in marriage. ¹⁵When Judah saw her, he thought her to be a prostitute, for she had covered her face. ¹⁶He went over to her at the roadside, and said, 'Come, let me come in to you', for he did not know that she was his daughter-in-law. She said, 'What will you give me, that you may come in to me?' ¹⁷He answered, 'I will send you a kid from the flock.' And she said, 'Only if you give me a pledge, until you send it.' ¹⁸He said, 'What pledge shall I give you?' She replied, 'Your signet and your cord, and the staff that is in your hand.' So he gave them to her, and went in to her, and she conceived by him. ¹⁹Then she got up and went away, and taking off her veil she put on the garments of her widowhood.

²⁰When Judah sent the kid by his friend the Adullamite, to recover the pledge from the woman, he could not find her. ²¹He asked the townspeople, 'Where is the temple prostitute who was at Enaim by the wayside?' But they said, 'No prostitute has been here.' ²²So he returned to Judah, and said, 'I have not found her; moreover, the townspeople said, "No prostitute has been here."' ²³Judah replied, 'Let her keep the things as her own, otherwise we will be laughed at; you see, I sent this kid, and you could not find her.'

²⁴About three months later Judah was told, 'Your daughter-in-law Tamar has played the whore; moreover she is pregnant as a result of whoredom.' And Judah said, 'Bring her out, and let her be burned.' ²⁵As she was being brought out, she sent word to her father-in-law, 'It was the owner of these who made me pregnant.' And she said, 'Take note, please, whose these are, the signet and the cord and the staff.' ²⁶Then Judah acknowledged them and said, 'She is more in the right than I, since I did not give her to my son Shelah.' And he did not lie with her again.

²⁷When the time of her delivery came, there were twins in her womb.

²⁸While she was in labour, one put out a hand; and the midwife took and bound on his hand a crimson thread, saying, 'This one came out first.'

²⁹But just then he drew back his hand, and out came his brother; and she said, 'What a breach you have made for yourself!' Therefore he was named Perez. ³⁰Afterwards his brother came out with the crimson thread on his hand; and he was named Zerah.

Reader For the Word of God in Scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Spoken Reflection

Rusty Edwards

From Generation to Generation... Tamar

Anthem

Sr. Choir, Naomi Sney, Leander Mendoza, soloists
Sing, My Child -Sarah Quartel

Welcome into the Congregation of FBCH

Paula Zanello Antunes, Matheus Antunes, Linda Brakebill Norris

In response to your decision, we pledge ourselves to be the family of God for you in this place; we offer you our love, our care, our kinship, and our hopes. We hope to learn from you, give to you, and receive from you, by God's grace.

Prayers of the People

Kathy Schwartzentruber

Lord's Prayer

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Recessional Carol

JESUS CHRIST: ADVENT

83 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

1 Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

With its opening "Come," this hymn sounds the note of entreaty and invitation that characterizes the Advent season (from the Latin *adventus* = "coming"). Its blending of memory and hope helps us to give voice to our present faith as we stand between the past and the future.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1744
MUSIC: Witt's *Psalmodia Sacra*, 1715, alt.

STUTTGART
8.7.8.7
(alternate tune: HYFRYDOL, 82)

Benediction

Rusty Edwards

Amen

Postlude

Lynette Wahlstrom, Organ
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing -R. Böltling



Offerings

All contributions to FBCH support our mission and ministry and are greatly appreciated. Many choose to give by setting-up recurring contributions. You may also give to FBCH by making an e-transfer or by giving on-line through a link on our website. You can go to our website www.fbchalifax.ca and click on the Ways to Give link on our homepage for instructions on how to give.

Truth & Reconciliation

Each Sunday, we list one of the Calls to Action issued by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. These Calls to Action remind us of Jesus' calling to love God and love our neighbours. May they guide us to put loving justice into action.

Reconciliation: Church Apologies and Reconciliation

59. We call upon church parties to the Settlement Agreement to develop ongoing education strategies to ensure that their respective congregations learn about their church's role in colonization, the history and legacy of residential schools, and why apologies to former residential school students, their families, and communities were necessary.



Thank you to our live stream worship leaders

Skylar Dixon, Sheila Stanley, Jim Stanley, Lay Leaders
Kathy Shwartzentruber, Deacon Chair
Jean Ferguson, Coordinator of Congregational and Community Engagement
Rhonda Schofield, Interim Minister of Faith Development
Lynette Wahlstrom, Director of Music
Paula Zanello Antunes, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Coordinator
Rusty Edwards, Senior Minister

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