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Our Mission Statement:

To show God's love as revealed in Jesus Christ.

Sunday, December 3rd, 2017 at 10:25 a.m.
Advent 1 - Transfers of Memberships

- * Please stand in body or spirit, as able.
Ushers will provide a listening device upon request.

You are invited to come forward during any hymn to light a votive candle on the communion table in thanksgiving to God for a recent life blessing, or as a prayer request for God's help in meeting a need for yourself or a loved one.

"O, that you would tear open the heavens and descend!"

"Since before time began no one has ever imagined, no ear heard, no eye seen, a God like you, who works for those who wait for him." (Isaiah 64:1a;4)

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude

****Entry of the Bible & Lighting of the Christ Candle***

****Processional Hymn:***

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus **VU# 2**

Life and Work of the Church

Minute for Mission

Connie Wilson

***Call to Worship**

L: Come, people of God, holy creations, wholly God's.

P: **We come, seeking God's grace to make us whole.**

L: Come on the first Sunday of Advent.

P: **We come to begin the journey toward Christmas, preparing our hearts and our homes to welcome God's child.**

L: Come to trust, listen, believe, and imagine what is possible because God has come into our lives and into our world.

P: **We come, O God, we come.**

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Hope

Krista, Kevin, Lucas & Grady Hester

L1: On this first Sunday in Advent we light this candle and name it Hope. (first purple candle is lit)
As we light it, we remember that because of Jesus we have hope in all circumstances.

L2: This candle reminds us that the prophet Isaiah was longing for God's presence, and it reminds us that the people in the early church were longing for God's presence too.

L1: This candle is also a symbol of the longing of all throughout the world who suffer, their longing for God to be with them and their families; their longing for understanding and compassion.

L2: As we light this candle we remember our commitment to bring that hope through our love and our caring.

P: O God, come, travel with us through Advent, and shed your light among us. Give us hearts of generosity and compassion, hearts that reflect your love, and help us to be channels to spread your hope in the world. Amen.

***Sung Response: A Candle Is Burning* VU# 6 v. 1**

Opening Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Powerful, caring God: we confess our impatience with waiting. We live in a society that measures goodness by immediate gratification, that equates quality of life with instant results. Yet Jesus taught us that to wait, to preserve, and be alert are hallmarks of maturing faith. Rather than rob this season of its power by rushing through to celebration, grant us grace to use this time to prepare our hearts for your holy Christmas gift. Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

***Hymn: Jesus Bids Us Shine* VU# 585 v.1& 2**

Children's Time

***Hymn: Jesus Bids Us Shine* VU# 585 v.3**

(Children may leave for their church school classes as indicated by the slide on the screen)

WE HEAR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Isaiah 64:1-9; Kristine Dandavino
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 1Corinthians 1:3-9;
Mark 13:24-37

L: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

P: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: Will You Travel to Bethlehem

Message: Come Help Us God!

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People & The Prayer of Jesus

The Transfers of Memberships
(see yellow insert)

Kristine Dandavino from Simcoe Street United Church,
Oshawa

Elsie and Norman Myles from Central United Church,
Unionville

Pandora Dionne from All Saints Anglican Church,
Whitby

Hymn: O Come, O Come Emmanuel **VU# 1 v.1**

Offering

***Sung Response:** **VU# 74 v.3**

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
come, one and all, to own him.

The King of Kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone him.

This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the Babe, the Son of Mary!

****Prayer of Dedication*******Recessional Hymn:***

Herald! Sound the Note of Gladness **VU# 28**

****Commissioning and Benediction*******Sung Response to Benediction*** **VU# 29 v.4**

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
your welcome shall proclaim;
and heaven's eternal arches ring
with your beloved name.

Postlude**Worship Leaders:**

Word: Rev. Sue Genge, Rev. Louise Sams

Music: Andi Kelcey, Greg Foreman,
Sanctuary Choir, Praise Team

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On behalf of the Fundraising Committee we want to thank all of you who supported the Shout Sister Concert last Saturday night. We raised a profit of \$1600 for the Elevator Fund!

Thank you: I would like to “Thank” the Ladies who knit or crochet the Beautiful Prayer Shawls (Blankets). We are truly **blessed** to have you in our congregation. God Bless, Jean Dart.

MAK Christmas Memorial Service: The service will be held on **Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.** here at Kingsview. Please call 905-433-5558 for more information or to register.

Weekly Calendar: December 3 - December 10:

- Sun. 10:25 a.m. Morning Worship Service - Sanctuary
Advent 1 & Transfers of Memberships
Coffee & Friendship - Auditorium
12:15 p.m. Black Light Puppetry - Auditorium
- Mon. 1:10 p.m. Colouring Group - Heritage Room
6:30 p.m. Scouts - Gymnasium
7:00 p.m. Bible Study - Upper Room
7:30 p.m. Response UCW Unit - Offsite
- Tues. 6:30 p.m. Cubs - Gymnasium
7:30 p.m. Property Committee - Heritage Room
- Wed. 9:00 a.m. Quilters - Auditorium
10:30 a.m. Hope&Joy Prayer Group-Fellowship
7:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee - Upper Rm
7:15 p.m. Yoga - Old Nursery
6:30 p.m. Joy UCW Unit Dinner - Auditorium
- Thurs. 9:30 a.m. Parent & Tot Group - Heritage Room
6:30 p.m. Beavers - Gymnasium
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir - Sanctuary
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30 p.m. Pick-up Badminton - Gymnasium
- Fri. 7:00 p.m. Faithful Fridays Group - Fellowship
- Sun. 9:30 a.m. Hillsdale Estates Service - Offsite
10:25 a.m. Morning Worship Service - Sanctuary
Advent 2 & Choir Gift of Song
Coffee & Friendship - Auditorium
Surprise 90th Birthday Celebration for
Gladys Kenney - Everyone Welcome!
2:00 p.m. MAK Annual Christmas Memorial
Service - Sanctuary

Update regarding Congregational Survey: Thank you to all who completed our Congregational Survey earlier this year. Please set aside **Sunday January 7th, 2018**, for a short Congregational Meeting, when we will share an overview of the results, and discuss actions that have been taken as a result of your responses.

Upcoming Sunday Worship Services:

December 3: Advent 1 - Transfer of Membership

December 10: Advent 2 - Choral Service;

Sacrament of Baptism

December 17: Advent 3 - Children's Christmas Service

Turkey-on-a-bun Lunch

December 24: Advent 4 - 10:25 a.m. Communion

7:00 p.m. Family Worship

9:00 p.m. Communion

(Please note the new time - 9:00 p.m. Communion)

December 31: 1st after Christmas - 10:25 a.m. Worship

Thank you to the following volunteers for the month of November: Greeters: Bud & June Moore, Diane & Peter Johns, Shirley & Erle Sexsmith.

Bulletins: Al & Jean Graham & Gladys Kenney.

A special thank you to the following for folding and stuffing the Christmas Letters: Barry Wootten, Sherry Wilson, Lorraine & Keith Pateman, Doug Wylie and Rose Kemp.

Elevator Fundraiser: Thinking of entertaining this Christmas season? Help Kingsview raise money for our Elevator by shopping at M&M Food Market at King & Townline in Oshawa. Just mention you are from Kingsview United Church and the church will receive 10% of the price of your order. **It is that simple!**

Choir Gift of Song: Mark your calendar and plan to attend this wonderful gift of song presented by our Kingsview Choir on **Sunday, December 10th** during our morning worship service.

Desserts Needed: Sign up on the list in the Narthex if you can make some **nut-free** Sweets & Treats for the Turkey-on-a-Bun Lunch. Please deliver the desserts to Gym Kitchen on Sunday, December 17th at 10:00 a.m.

Children's Christmas Service: Please plan to attend this joyous Children's service on **Sunday, December 17th at 10:25 a.m..**

Turkey-on-a-bun Lunch: Please plan to attend the Turkey-on-a-bun on **Sunday, December 17th** after the Children's Christmas Service. Free will Offering (Suggested contribution \$8.00/person)

All are welcome!

Faithful Friday Youth Group Gathering: The Faithful Friday youth group will be meeting on December 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Room. Faithful Friday youth group is for grades 4-12. Please contact the office if you plan to attend!

Christmas at Kingsview Library: Christmas has arrived at the library! Come check out our great Christmas selection of books, CD's and movies!

Elevator Fundraiser: 'A Burns Afternoon with Claidhmor' Concert. World travelled, played at Roy Thompson Hall & Richmond Hill Performing Arts section.

Mark your calendar for Sunday, January 21, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. here at Kingsview.
Watch for more information.

Outreach Christmas Projects:

- Angel bags for Gate 3:16 are due today, December 3.
- The mitten tree is set up in the back of the sanctuary. Scarves, hats and waterproof mittens can be hung on the tree starting today. They will be delivered to local charities and/or schools in Oshawa before Christmas.
- A local charity called Dreams and Wishes collects names of children from different shelters in Durham Region. The charity fills Christmas wish lists for children living in Durhams' shelters. We are hoping to receive names of children in the Y's Wish shelter since we have been providing necessary items for the clients this fall. If you wish to take part in this gift giving program, please call the church office for more information.
- Durham Region Toy drive is collecting toys for children. A box has been set up in the narthex for your donations of new, unwrapped toys.
- Mission and Service Fund: Our Mission and Service goal for 2017 is \$44,000. As of the end of October, we have reached approximately 70% of our goal. Please consider donating to the United Church's Mission and Service Fund in your weekly donation.
- Another way for you to help at Christmas is to bring non-perishable food to our foodbank in the narthex. All our food is taken to The Backdoor Mission for the Relief of Poverty.
- A member of the Bridge to a New Home has written an extensive report on our Refugee families. Please look for it in the Circuit Rider section in the January issue of the Observer.
- Gifts with Vision Catalogue: This year's catalogue is filled with gifts to meet every budget! Catalogues are available on the rack outside of the church office or make your gift online anytime at www.giftswithvision.ca.

**Mark your calendars - Tuesday, February 20, 2018
Watoto Children's Choir is coming to Kingsview:**

The choir is coming on the 2018 Canadian tour *Signs & Wonders*. If you aren't familiar with Watoto, I encourage you to visit the Watoto website to view a video and get more information on the choir:

<https://www.watoto.com/choir>

Watoto Children's' Choirs have travelled extensively since 1994, sharing a message of hope for Africa's orphans and widows. To date, the choir has toured 6 continents and performed to enthralled audiences in schools, retirement homes, churches, parliaments, state houses and royal palaces. The Watoto Children's Choir concert acts as a fundraising event for Watoto.

More information on the concert will come in the near future but I'm looking for assistance for a few things:

1. Welcome team (Tues. Feb. 20 - 2 pm at the church)
2. Helpers during the concert (Tues. Feb. 20 at 5 p.m. until end of concert)
3. 11 billets to accommodate 18 children and 15 adults
4. Assistance in organizing dinner for 33 people (February 20 at 5 p.m.)

If you are interested in helping in any of the ways above please contact Krista Hester at 905-621-7318 or patersonk38@gmail.com.



THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION AND TRANSFER OF MEMBERS

**The congregation is invited to stand, as you are able.
(Please leave in the Pews)*

Introduction

Minister: When Jesus gave the Holy Spirit to his disciples, after the resurrection, he said to them: *"Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I send you."* Then he breathed on them and said, *"Receive the Holy Spirit."* (John 20: 21-22)

In Acts we have an account of the gift of the Holy Spirit to the church at Samaria:

The apostles in Jerusalem heard that the people of Samaria had received the word of God, so they sent Peter and John to them. When they arrived, they prayed for the believers that they might receive the Holy Spirit. For the Holy Spirit had not yet come down on any of them, they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. (Acts 8: 14-17)

In baptism we celebrate a new beginning. We are received into the Church. In Christ God says "Yes" to us.

In confirmation we make our own profession of faith, we are strengthened by the Holy Spirit, and we are commissioned to serve through the Church in the world.

Let us join in a statement of our communal faith:

***All say "A New Creed" VU# 918**

(after the creed, the congregation is seated.)

Presentation of Candidates for Confirmation

*The candidates shall come forward
as their names are called.*

Council Chairperson: On behalf of the Kingsview United Church Council, I present to you _____ for confirmation.

Leader: (to the candidates) I ask you before God and this congregation, do you profess your faith in God your Creator, in Jesus Christ your Saviour and Lord, and in the Holy Spirit your Teacher and Guide?

Candidates: I do.

Leader: Will you be faithful in joining with the Lord's people in the worship of God, in studying the Bible and in prayer?

Candidates: I will, God being my helper.

Leader: Will you enter into the life and work of the church, supporting it with your gifts and sharing in its mission to all people?

Candidates: I will, God being my helper.

Leader: Will you endeavour daily to respond to God's love, to do God's will, and to fulfil your Christian calling and ministry in the world?

Candidates: I will, God being my helper.

Minister: Let us pray in silence that God, in loving kindness, may pour out the Holy Spirit upon these candidates.

After a space of silence, the minister shall say,

Almighty and everlasting God, who through mercy and goodness gives Jesus Christ your Son to be our Saviour, we pray that you will sanctify with your Holy Spirit these servants who are to be confirmed according to your word, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen!

Sacrament of Baptism

*If the candidate has not previously been baptized,
This shall occur just before the laying on of hands.*

The Council Chairperson shall summon by name each candidate for (baptism) confirmation.

The candidate shall come to the font. The minister sprinkles water three times on the candidate's head.

Minister: _____, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen!

Minister: (as the newly baptized person is marked with the sign of the cross) With the sign of the cross, you are marked as Christ's forever. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church, I declare that _____ is now received into Christ's universal Church.

Laying on of Hands

Minister: (as the hands of the minister and Council Chairperson rest on the head of the candidate) Confirm, O Lord, this your servant _____ by the Holy Spirit, that he/she may remain yours forever.

People: Amen!

Minister: (to the one just confirmed) Go into the world in the power of the Holy Spirit to fulfil your high calling as a servant and sister/brother of Jesus Christ.

After all the candidates have been confirmed, certificates and handshakes are offered.

Welcoming New Members by Transfer

Introduction of those transferring in from other congregations, followed by congregational welcome.

Presentation of New Members: Council Chairperson

On behalf of the Kingsview United Church Council,

I present _____ whom we welcome by transfer from _____.

(Candidates come forward as their names are called.)

Minister: Will you seek to follow in Jesus' way of love and to worship with us in this place?

Transferee: I will, by the grace of God.

Minister: Will you join with us as together we celebrate God's presence, live with respect in creation, love and serve others, seek justice and resist evil?

Transferee: I will, with God's help.

Congregational Commitment

**The people may stand and express their support.*

Minister: Dear friends in Christ, let us pledge these new members our support and care.

People: As your brothers and sisters in Christ, we rejoice in the gifts you bring to us. We pledge to you our love and our support. With God's help, we will together live out the mission and ministry of Christ's church.

Welcome!

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you to the privileges and responsibilities of membership in this congregation. We give thanks to God for your witness among us.

Hebrew Benediction (Numbers 6:24-26)

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make His face shine upon you,

And be gracious unto you;

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,

And give you peace.