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Advent 1: Hope

Sunday, November 30, 2025, at 10:00am

Rev. Jim Baldwin, Minister

James Seyler, a/Organist

Kiersten Robison, Administrator

Please note:

Audio loops are available from the ushers.

Prayer requests for today's service can be noted on the lists at the entrances.

Sunday School: Primary (grades 1-3) Kindergarten room; **Junior** (grades 4-6) Beecroft Balcony; **Senior** (grades 7 and up) Parlour.

Childcare for preschoolers: room B13, located in lower hallway. Quiet activity boxes are available for children in the chapel.

Rideau Park is an Affirming Congregation in the United Church of Canada. All are invited to participate fully, with mutual respect, in the life and work of the church, including those of diverse ages, abilities, gender identities and sexual orientations, races, ethnicities, religions, and economic backgrounds.

We acknowledge, with respect, the history, spirituality, and culture of the indigenous peoples of Canada, and their stewardship of the unceded Algonquin land where this church is built.

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Gathering Music

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Candle Lighting

Call to Worship: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Music: Carol of the Bells A Touch of Brass

Advent Candle Lighting: Shanti and Mark Inman

Today is the first Sunday of Advent,
and so we light the candle of hope. (*Light the first candle*)

Sometimes hope is hard to find.

For Holy Land shepherds,
hope seemed like a distant dream.

Until the angels came.

**And the last became first,
just as Jesus proclaimed.**

Hope came in unexpected places.

And still Jesus sends hope to us today:
in our hearts, in our streets, in our war-torn world.

Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Sung Response: A Candle is Burning VU 6 verse 1

**A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,
a candle of hope in December's dark night.
While angles sing blessings from heaven's starry sky,
our hearts we prepare now, for Jesus is nigh.**

Prayer of Invocation: (based on Psalm 25:1-5)

To You, O God, we lift up our souls.

To You we offer our praise and prayer,
our worship and thanksgiving.

No one who hopes in you
will ever be put to shame.

Make Your ways known to us.

Show us the path on which we should walk.

Lead us in Your truth and teach us.

**For You are God our Saviour,
and our hope is in you all day long.
All your ways are loving and faithful
You are the God in whom we trust;
and the One on whom we wait. Amen.**

Hymn: Jesus Came Bringing Us Hope MV 33

Children's Time

Music: Chorus: Tollite Hostias

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Rod Hagglund

Meditation: Where Does Hope Begin?

***Hymn:** A Light is Gleaming VU 82

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

Music: O Holy Night Carmen Harris, Adam Sperry

Communion

The Life and Work of the Church

Offering

Offertory Prayer

***Hymn:** We Shall Go Out With Hope of Resurrection VU 586

***Commissioning and Benediction:** (based on Romans 15:13)

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace,
and as you trust in God, may you overflow with hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit.

***Sung Response:** Amen VU 969

Postlude

Upcoming Services and Events

<https://www.rideaupark.ca/news-events/calendar-of-events/>

Christmas Shoebox Program 2025 There are still boxes that need filling
All boxes are due back Dec 7

Christmas Cheer 2025 Donations welcomed

November

Sun 30	Advent 1: Hope	10am
	Christmas Concert featuring Bells & Choir	7pm

December

Mon 1	UCW Candlelight Service + General Meeting	1pm
Sun 7	Advent 2: Peace	10am
Wed 10	Encarna	3-8pm
Sun 14	Advent 3: Joy	10am
	Pageant	10am
	Live Big Band Christmas Concert	7pm
Tues 16	Winter Fall Prevention Workshop	1pm
Wed 17	Blue Christmas Service	7pm
Fri 19	Labyrinth	12-8pm
Sun 21	Advent 4: Love	10am
	Christmas Sweater Sunday	10am
Wed 24	Christmas Eve Service (Family)	6:30pm
	Christmas Eve Service (Communion, Bells, Choir)	8:30pm
Thurs 25	Christmas Day Service	10am

Church Office will be closed from 12:00pm Dec 24 until 1:00pm Jan 2.

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