

Reign of Christ Sunday, November 25, 2018



Rideau Park United Church



Welcome to Rideau Park United Church. Please note: Audio loops are available from the ushers. Prayer requests for today's services can be noted on the lists at the entrances. Childcare for pre-schoolers is available in room B-12 (lower hallway). Quiet activity boxes are also available for children in the chapel each Sunday. ****Indicates where the congregation is invited to stand as able. After the service you are invited to join us for refreshments and conversation in the Parlour.***

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We Gather Together

Gathering Music:

Lighting of the Chancel Candles: Psalm 119: 105 "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

*Call to Worship:

ONE: Around the world this day, the universal church celebrates the Reign of Christ.

ALL: Jesus, friend of the poor, the meek, and the merciful, is raised to power.

ONE: For God has placed everything under wounded feet, and a crown of thorns.

ALL: A new understanding of power is born.

ONE: So let us give thanks to God.

ALL: Let us worship!

***Processional Hymn: 213 VU**

Rejoice, the Lord is King

Darwall's 148th

*Prayer of Approach and Jesus' Prayer (p. 921 VU)

A Prayer for the Reign of Christ: 214 VU (unison - seated)

(a time of silent reflection and prayer)

Hymn: 575 VU

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'm Gonna Live

Listening for God's Word

A Time for all God's Children

(Following the story, the children are invited to go to Sunday School.)

Scripture Reading: John 1: 1-14

Lay Reader: Shailja Verma

Anthem: "Set Down Servant" Shaw
Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading: Revelation 1: 4-8 Lay Reader: Shailja Verma

Sermon: Alpha and Omega Elizabeth Bryce

***Hymn: 171 MV Christ Has No Body Now but Yours** Stephen C. Warner

Our Response

Offering

Offertory Music

Soloist: Noah Bragança

***Offertory Response: 27 MV Creator God You Gave Us Life** Judith Snowdon

**When with our hearts, our hands, our minds,
we share our gifts with all the world,
our spirits soar beyond the veil
to touch the very face of God.**

**Through hands that paint majestic skies
and voices chanting melody,
with words that reach beyond the page,
we comprehend your mystery.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Concern: **102 MV** (with sung refrain)

Following the words: *Reconcile us, O Christ, that we may live in love...*

We will sing: " **Jesus, your Spirit is in us, is a well-spring of life ever-lasting.**"

The Life and Work of the Church

Minute for Mission: Christmas Cheer 2018

***Hymn: 211 VU Crown Him with Many Crowns** Diademata

***Commissioning and Benediction**

Postlude

*The sermon this week references a letter and video prepared by the United Church ministers to Premier Doug Ford in response to his campaign statement (March 7, 2018): **“ And we will make sure - I can guarantee you we’ll make sure - the church has a voice. All the time.”** You can find out more about the letter at: <https://ontarioministers.org/>.



In the midst of all the December busyness, set aside some time for our series of Advent retreats. On **Wednesday evenings, December 5, 12 and 19**, take some time to pause and reflect in this season of preparation:

December 5 from 7:15 to 9:00 p.m., Nancy DeKemp, a local spiritual director and member of Rideau Park, will lead us in a retreat. With prayer, silence, reflection and symbols, we will be invited to ponder what Advent means for us.

December 12 from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Encarna will be held in the sanctuary. Come experience the Advent season in multimedia, prayer stations, and meditation.

December 19, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., the **Labyrinth** will be laid out in Beecroft Hall for walking meditation and prayer, with an Advent theme.

Christmas Eve 2018 – As you prepare for the holidays, keep in mind these services on December 24 at Rideau Park:

6:30 p.m – Lessons and Carols led by the children and youth, featuring Cherubs, Joyful Noise, Noteable Sound and Grace Notes.

8:30 p.m – Candlelight Communion, featuring music by our Chancel Choir and the celebration of **communion**.

10:30 p.m – Candlelight Reflections, featuring Touch of Brass bell choir and our Chancel Choir.

Rideau Park United Church seeks to be a welcoming faith community, inclusive of all, including those of different economic, ethnic, racial and religious backgrounds, sexual orientations and gender identities. We have recently begun a study process with the goal of becoming an Affirming Ministry, as defined by the United Church of Canada.

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

Rideau Park News

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Upcoming Worship Events

Dec 2	Advent 1– Communion	10:00am
Dec 3	UCW Candlelight Service	1:00pm
Dec 5	Advent Evening Retreat	7:15pm

Friendship Harvest Lunch: Buy your ticket at Beecroft door today! Adults: \$10.00 each, Children (6-14) \$5.00 each. Children 5 & under eat free. Menu: Coq au Vin, Rice Pilaf, seasonal vegetable and fresh Fruit Crisp. Profit goes to the Refugee Fund. **Take out available.**

Pageant Rehearsal Today: All participants are asked to meet in Brackenridge Hall for a rehearsal at 11:15 today. Costumes will be fitted today. Our youngest actors/actresses will stay only for the first 15-20 minutes. All other participants will finish at 1:30 today.

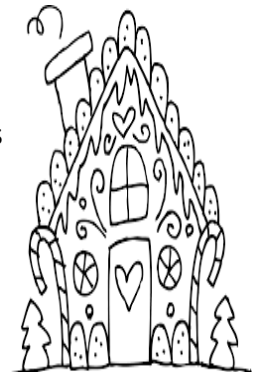
The 2018 Christmas season is around the corner! **Today, Christmas shoeboxes** will be available in the Parlour, at coffee time. Our congregation will be supporting the children and youth at Banff Avenue Community House and the women and children at Minwaashin Lodge again this year. Thank you for your participation!



Christmas Cheer is a valuable, caring time, but without YOU, our congregation, we wouldn't even exist. You support us with your monetary donations and your volunteering to assist us with our people needs. We owe you many, many thanks for helping us as we strive to meet our goals! Check out the sign-up sheets at the top of the stairs outside the Parlour.

ADVENT HAPPENING - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2 - *Sign-Up Required*

Following the service on Sunday, December 2 we will again be making Gingerbread Houses as ADVENT HAPPENING marks the beginning of the Christmas Season. A pot-luck lunch will follow. Surnames A-H bring desserts and Surnames I-Z bring sandwiches or cheese and crackers. An offering of \$10.00 to cover the costs of the houses, icing and candies will gladly be accepted at the door. Please sign up by e-mail to: taralockhart8@gmail.com to reserve your gingerbread house. *Volunteers to make icing on Saturday, December 1 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. would be greatly appreciated.* Please email taralockhart8@gmail.com to volunteer. Thank you!



Christmas Pageant Helpers Needed! Anyone who could volunteer time to help at rehearsals, help with costumes or assist with creating set pieces is asked to contact Andrea Laliberté at 613-248-1283 or marcandrea@rogers.com. High school students will be credited with volunteer hours for their assistance. Thank you.

Wednesday, November 28 at 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The last episode of First Contact: *Six Canadians Take an Extraordinary Journey through Indigenous Canada*. A series produced by the Aboriginal Peoples Television Network, filming six non-indigenous Canadians who take an educational journey, meeting with indigenous people across Canada and learning indigenous culture and history. We will meet in Brackenridge Hall at 11:00 a.m., watch the video, then discuss it over a brown bag lunch. Everybody welcome!



Annual Fall Roast Beef Dinner: Friday, November 30, with two sittings at either 5:00 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. Tickets are *\$18.00 for adults*, and *\$10.00 for children 6 to 12 years*. (*Children 5 years and under, eat free!*) You can purchase tickets **TODAY** at coffee time and after the coming services on Sundays, or at the church office, Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Call 613-733-3156 ex 229 for information. Come and enjoy some great company and conversation, and let us cook for you!

Ring in Christmas: Start your Christmas season with the handbell and chimes concert on Sunday, December 2, at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to attend. This annual concert features the five handbell and chimes choirs from Rideau Park: Touch of Brass, Grace Notes, La Bell Ensemble, Note-Able Sound Chimes, and Ringing Praise, playing the popular and sacred music of Christmas. Not to be missed! Freewill offering. More Information, call the church office at 613-733-3156. ext. 229.



UCW Candlelight Service: *The UCW Executive will meet at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, December 3 in the Parlour.* All UCW members are invited to join the Executive at 2:00 p.m. for the Candlelight Service which will be followed by refreshments.

“Christmas Celebration” December 9th at 7:30 p.m. Rideau Park’s Chancel Choir presents Camille Saint-Saëns’ Christmas Oratorio, featuring Rideau Park section leads, organist Andrew Ager, harpist Caroline Leonardelli and a string quintet ensemble, led by Kevin James. In addition, audience members can join with the choir and Touch of Brass Bells during the singing of treasured Christmas music and carols. A Freewill collection will be taken at this service.



Churchpost: You can pick up a copy of the most recent (November 2018) issue, in the foyer in front of the Sanctuary. Look for them on the Sunday School counter during the week.

Carleton Exam Pause Table: We will be supplying volunteers and baked goods to the Pause Table at Carleton on **Wednesday December 12** from 10am until early afternoon. Signup sheets for food donations or for volunteer help are on the Help Wanted bulletin board at the end of the upper hallway.



Do you have a favourite Christmas carol or holiday song that makes your heart sing? For the service on **Sunday, December 23**, we are inviting you to suggest special Christmas songs and memories for our morning worship. Much like the service we held last spring, we hope you will introduce that “song in your heart”. Suggestions are not restricted to the Hymn Book! If we can find the music to play and words for a PowerPoint, we can all join in your favourite holiday song together. *We will have time for 8 speakers, so don't delay!*

Healing Pathway: Full sessions are offered most **Thursdays, by appointment, between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m., and once a month on Sunday evening between 7:00 and 9:00 p.m.** To book an appointment, please email healingpathway@rideaupark.ca, or speak to Sharon Sanderson or Brian Neal. Healing prayer is also offered in the Chapel, immediately following the service, most *Sundays*. No appointment is needed for these shorter, 3-5 minute sessions.

Ontario Youth Parliament: OYP 2019 will be held at Rideau Park on **February 15-18, 2019** (Family Day weekend). Young people interested in attending OYP can find information and register at oyp.on.ca. If you can help by providing lodging for OYP delegates in February visit oyp.on.ca/billeting or email Robert at billets@oyp.on.ca.

Each Sunday morning as the collection plate is passed around, while it may look bare, 198 members/families (over 85% of those making pledges) are actually contributing close to \$8,500 through pre-authorized remittance (PAR). Sunday PAR givings go primarily to the 3 major funds, which the Church uses to manage most of the work that we do. It takes a lot of financial support, approximately \$11,500 per week, to operate a Church our size and run all of the programs that we do. That is why we need strong financial support from all those attending our services. So when that plate goes by take time to reflect on what it takes to run our church and how your generosity can help make a difference.

RPUC Website: Go to rideaupark.ca for all the latest church news and information on upcoming events, and join us on Sunday mornings for our live streaming service. This site is maintained by the office staff and volunteers.

Activities Calendar: November 25– December 1			Coffee Hour Volunteers	
<u>Sunday:</u>			Nov 25	Jeff & Jim Allo & Family Joann & Jon Roebuck & Family
Meditation	9:10am	B-9		
Sunday Service	10:00am	Sanctuary		
Coffee Time	11:00am	Parlour		
Pageant Rehearsal	11:15am	Brackenridge	Dec 02	Karen Humpherries & Rob Blake Ken & Dipty Tong & Family
Friendship Lunch	11:30am	Beecroft		
Drumming	11:30am	B-13		
<u>Monday:</u>			Dec 09	Wayne & Janet Bond Pat & Gavin Currie
Knitting	12:30pm	Beecroft		
UCW Executive	1:30pm	Parlour		
Ringing Praise	6:30pm	Sanctuary		
Touch of Brass	7:15pm	Sanctuary	Dec 16	Carolyn & John Scollick Karin Ott & Bruce Dixon
<u>Tuesday:</u>			Sunday Duty Officers	
50+ Fitness	9:00am	Beecroft	Nov 25	Nancy Begg-Durkee
Pastoral Care	1:30pm	Parlour	Dec 2	Judy Paré
Social Action	7:30pm	Parlour	Dec 9	Lynn Sherwood
La Bell Ensemble	7:15pm	Sanctuary	Counting Volunteers	
<u>Wednesday:</u>			Nov 26	Gary Lindberg
First Contact	11:00am	Brackenridge	Dec 03	Bob Roden & John Durkee
Gentle Yoga	5:30pm	Parlour	Dec 10	John Scollick & John Durkee?
Session	7:30pm	Parlour	Main Office is open Monday to Friday,	
<u>Thursday:</u>			9:00am-4:00pm	
50+ Fitness	9:00pm	Beecroft	Visit our website: rideaupark.ca	
Quilting	9:30am	Parlour	Prayer Chain: ext. 227 or	
Euchre	1:00pm	Parlour	prayerchain@rideaupark.ca	
Healing Pathway	1:00pm	Beecroft		
HearSay	5:45pm	Beecroft		
KinderPraise	6:15pm	B-13		
Joyful Noise 2	6:15pm	B-12		
Note-Able Sound Chimes	6:15pm	Sanctuary		
Joyful Noise 1	6:45pm	B-12		
Grace Notes	6:45pm	Sanctuary		
Chancel Choir	7:30pm	Sanctuary		
<u>Friday:</u>				
Morning Yoga	9:00am	Parlour		
Chair Yoga	10:30am	Parlour		
Roast Beef Dinner	5:00/6:30pm	Beecroft		
<u>Saturday:</u>				
Advent Happening	1:30pm	Beecroft		

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