

ADVENT 2 - PEACE

Sunday, December 9, 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 preschoolers 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 Beecroft.

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We Gather Together

Gathering Music:

Lighting of the Chancel Candles: 2 Samuel 22: 29 "Indeed, you are my lamp, O Lord. God lightens my darkness."

*Call to Worship:

ONE: People of God, arise and welcome God's messenger. Be reminded of promises made and a way cleared in the wilderness.

ALL: For God leads us in all times, to bless, comfort and confront us.

ONE: How shall we prepare our hearts?

ALL: With open hearts and minds, with praise and prayer.

ONE: Let us worship God!

***Processional Hymn: 5 VU**

All Earth Is Waiting

Taulé

Lighting the Advent Candle of PEACE - Candle Lighters: Kim, Sidney and Madison LeClair

In a spirit of peace, we come, Holy God,
on this second Sunday of Advent.

Still our hearts that we might hear
your word for us this day.

Sow in us the seeds of your peaceable kin-dom
that we might find our rightful place in your creation.

Prepare our hearts, we pray,
to receive the Prince of Peace. Amen

(a second blue candle is lit.)

***Advent Song: 7 VU**

Hope Is a Star
(verses 1-2)

Moon Beams

Joyful Noise:

Go Tell It On the Mountain

L. McGlohan

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Upcoming Worship Events

Dec 12	Encarna	6:30pm
Dec 16	Christmas Pageant	10:00am
Dec 19	Advent Evening Retreat	6:30pm

“Christmas Celebration” TONIGHT 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. Everyone welcome!



The Christmas Nativity - Week Two: As we journey through Advent together, please take time to look at our Nativity display at the front of the church. Each week, one or more different scenes will be featured as the Advent Liturgy unfolds and we travel to Bethlehem and beyond. This week, we put a focus on the wide variety of materials that go into the making of nativities. Sometimes the material has been chosen in an effort to achieve an artistic effect, in the lustre of metals, the purity of glass or the detail of papier-maché. In other cases it reflects the use of humble and inexpensive local resources to create something of lasting worth.



Christmas Cheer needs YOU to help, *especially as drivers and helpers* at **12:45 p.m. on Friday, December 21**. Check out the signup sheets at the top of the stairs outside the Parlour to see if you are able to volunteer. Last year, one recipient expressed her thanks for the hamper that she received. It made such a difference to the enjoyment that her family was able to experience. YOU made that joy possible. Thanks so much.

Pageant Rehearsal Today: All participants are asked to meet in Brackenridge Hall for a full run-through at **11:15 a.m.** today. Our youngest actors/actresses will stay only for the first 15-20 minutes. All other participants will finish at 1:30 p.m. today.

The poinsettias at the front of the church are donated by the UCW in loving memory of Marcia Gosse.

Christmas shoeboxes are winding down for the season. Your completed box can be returned **today and Sunday, December 16** during coffee hour in Beecroft Hall.

Andrew Rader's latest children's epic space book, "**Europa Excursion**" (the third in the trilogy) will be available for sale at coffee hour, next Sunday, December 16, after the Children's Pageant, for \$15.00. A great idea for Christmas!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Stage Set-up and Take-Down! The Christmas Pageant stage will be set up on **Friday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m.** We are in need of many volunteers to help with ***both the set-up next Friday evening and with the take-down immediately following the service on December 16.*** If you can help, please e-mail Marc Laliberté at marcandrea@rogers.com or phone him at 613-248-1283.

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

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.

Carleton Exam Pause Table: We will be supplying volunteers and baked goods to the Pause Table at Carleton on **Wednesday, December 12** from 10:00 a.m. 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.

Featured Article in "Vistas"! Read about our sponsored refugee family in Vistas this month! The Awad family is featured in the "Our People" section by Courtney Tower, who sums up their history from war-torn Syria to Jordan and reports on their progress since coming to Ottawa in February 2015. The article can be viewed online at www.vistas-news.ca.

Drums Alive Notice - Due to the busy holiday schedule, drumming classes have been cancelled for the month of December, and will resume on Sunday, January 6 of the new year. Thank you to all those who have taken part so far, and I look forward to welcoming you and any new and returning participants back to the circle in 2019. Merry Christmas, and Happy Holidays! *For further information about our drum circle, please check the Rideau Park website, or contact Iain Macpherson, Music Ministry Coordinator, at (613) 733-3156 ext. 301, or by email: choirdirector@rideaupark.ca*

Pageant Dress Rehearsal on SATURDAY, December 15! All participants are reminded of the dress rehearsal **this coming Saturday morning** (December 15th). Please meet in Brackenridge Hall at 9:30 a.m. so that we can start the rehearsal at 10:00 a.m. sharp. Our youngest actors/actresses will stay for the first run-through (about 1 hour). Everyone else will finish around

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!*



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.

Christmas Day at 10:00 a.m. the service will be led by Sharon Sanderson.

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.

For those who have ordered some, The **Got It! Bags** have arrived. These bags are ideal to replace single-use plastic bags in the produce section of the grocery store. **A set of three bags is just \$11.00** and can be purchased, or orders filled, during the coffee hour in Beecroft Hall. All proceeds go to Rideau Park. You can help reduce plastic pollution and raise some money for the church too. Thank you.

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.

Important Reminder: Announcements for RPNews MUST be emailed to: adminassist@rideaupark.ca, or brought to the office, no later than **4:00 p.m.** on the **Wednesdays before** the Sunday services, please. Late announcements may have to go in the following week, if applicable. Thank you.

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.

TREASURER'S NOTE : Christmas is a time to give thanks for the blessings that we have. As we approach the year's end, an additional four (4) weeks givings from everyone in the Congregation directed to the Rideau Park Ministries and Programs Fund will help the Church meet its budget and allow us to continue to provide needed services and support to those within our community, both now and for the coming year. Please give generously. Thank you.

Bob Roden-Treasurer

Ontario Youth Parliament (OYP) is a youth run, Ontario wide Organization and registered charity. The main focus is for youth to make new friends, speak their mind, and know their heart. This February 2019 OYP will be hosted at Rideau Park United Church! *OYP will also be looking for billets for 3 nights February 15-17.* To learn more, or to get involved, further information is available at oyp.on.ca or email billets@oyp.on.ca.

Peace. Awareness. Mindfulness. Groundedness. Meditation is good for you: mind, body and spirit. A small group meets for silent meditation from **9:10 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on Sundays**, in a dedicated meditation space and everyone is welcome. It's not hard to do; it's as easy as breathing. Why not give it a try? And if you would like to know more about meditation in the Christian tradition you can visit: <http://rideauparkspirituality.blogspot.ca>



HEALING PATHWAY

Phase 1 Workshop: January 18 -20, at Trinity United Church in Ottawa, Friday: 7:00 – 9.30 p.m., Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 5.30 p.m., Sunday: 1:00 – 5.30 p.m. The Healing Pathway

enables people to develop the gifts and skills of healing within the Christian tradition, and fosters the development of healing ministries in congregations and other communities. Practitioners are trained to be a heart-centred, loving presence, and to use energy-based techniques in an intentional manner to facilitate and support the healing process of an individual, for physical, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual well-being. Speak to Brian Neal, Sharon Sanderson, or Rev. Clifton for more information. Brochures are posted on the bulletin board across from the Sunday School counter and available on line at healingpathway.ca (in Courses section). **Early Registration Fee:** \$210.00 (*\$230.00 after Jan 4*), half price to repeat as refresher. Subsidies are available.

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.

Activities Calendar: December 9– December 15

Sunday:

Meditation	9:10am	B-9
Sunday Service Advent 2	10:00am	Sanctuary
Coffee Time	11:00am	Beecroft
Pageant Rehearsal	11:15am	Brackenridge
Celebration Concert!	7:30pm	Sanctuary

Monday:

Knitting	12:30pm	Parlour
Ringing Praise	6:30pm	Sanctuary
Touch of Brass	7:15pm	Sanctuary

Tuesday:

Presbytery Worship	7:30pm	Sanctuary
La Bell Ensemble	7:15pm	Sanctuary

Wednesday:

Gentle Yoga	5:30pm	Parlour
Encarna	6:30pm	Sanctuary
Stewards	7:30pm	Parlour

Thursday:

50+ Fitness	9:00pm	Beecroft
Quilting	9:30am	Parlour
Euchre	1:00pm	Beecroft
Healing Pathway	1:00pm	B-9
Unit 2	1:00pm	B. Kitchen
HearSay	5:45pm	Beecroft
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

Friday:

Morning Yoga	9:00am	Parlour
Chair Yoga	10:30am	Parlour
Pageant set up	6:30pm	Sanctuary

Saturday:

Pageant Dress Rehearsal	9:00am	Sanctuary/ Brackenridge
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Coffee Hour Volunteers

Dec 09	Wayne & Janet Bond Pat & Gavin Currie
Dec 16	Carolyn & John Scollick Karin Ott & Bruce Dixon
Dec 23	Marlene Hutchison Lois Jensen Daryl & Garry Lindberg
Dec 30	Joanne Rodgers, Ron MacPherson, Susan & Colin Townsend

Sunday Duty Officers

Dec 09	Lynn Sherwood
Dec 16	Maureen Stark
Dec 30	Patricia Whitridge

Counting Volunteers

Dec 10	John Scollick & John Durkee
Dec 17	Brian Hamilton & Garry Lindberg
Dec 28	TBC

Main Office is open Monday to Friday,

9:00am-4:00pm

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