

Next **Sunday January 5, 2020**, we will be participating in our annual shared service with Emmanuel and Riverside United Churches.

The service will be held at **10:00 am at Emmanuel United Church**, 691 Smyth Rd, Ottawa.

Mark Your New 2020 Calendar!

January 5	Shared service at Emmanuel	
January 6	Knitting	12:30pm
	Ringin' Praise	6:30pm
	Touch of Brass	7:15pm
January 7	Fitness begins	10:00am
	La Bell Ensemble	7:15pm
January 8	Stewards	7:30pm
	Worship/Music	7:30pm
January 9	Quilters	9:30am
	Euchre	1:00pm
	UCW Unit 2	1:00pm
	HearSay	4:45pm
January 10	Gentle Yoga	9:30am
	Chair Yoga	11:00am
	Choirs/Bells/Chimes	
January 12	UCW Installation	10:00am

Main Office is open Monday to Friday 9:00-4:00pm - Jan 2, 2020, weekdays.

Visit our website: www.rideaupark.ca
Prayer Chain: Ext 227 or prayerchain@rideaupark.ca

Coffee Hour Volunteers

December 29	Joanne Rodgers
	Ron MacPherson
	Nancy Macpherson
January 5	Emmanuel U.C
January 12	Doug & Elaine Robertson
	Karin Ott
	Bruce Dixon

Sunday Duty Officers

December 29	Sandra Graham
January 5	Pat Whitridge
January 12	Elaine Robertson

Counting Volunteers

January 13	Garry Lindberg
January 20	Rod Hagglund
January 27	Norm Edwards

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Rideau Park United Church

Sunday, December 29, 2019

First Sunday after Christmas

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. 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, religious and economic backgrounds.

Prelude: "Glory to God in the Highest - Old Melody"

Lighting of Chancel and Advent Candles *What has come into being through him was light. John 1:4*

Call to Worship:

ONE: It was night, and Mary and Joseph were fearful.

ALL: But that did not stop Jesus' birth.

ONE: They were poor and had no room waiting. They were uncertain what God wanted from them.

ALL: But that did not stop Jesus' birth.

ONE: Sometimes we are fearful and uncertain what God wants from us. But that does not stop God from working through us.

ALL: Be born in us today, O God!

***Hymn: 59 VU Joy to the World**

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

Responsive Psalm: Song of Zechariah, p. 900

A Time for all God's Children

***Hymn: 58 VU Infant Holy, Infant Lowly**

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:1-7

Lay Reader: Andrew Rader

Hymn (seated): 44 VU—It came upon a midnight clear

Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:13-15 Lay Reader: Andrew Rader

Reflection: Is there Room? Elizabeth Bryce
(inspired by Evelyn McLachlan & Robin Craig in *Gathering*)

***Hymn: 49 VU No Crowded Eastern Street**

Offering/ Offertory Music

Ruth Bryce, clarinet

Offering Hymn: 74 VU What Child is This?

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

When the leader says: *"Wherever the world lives under a shadow..."*

The congregation responds: "Let there be light."

The Life and Work of the Church

***Hymn: 43 VU Go, Tell It on the Mountain**

Benediction

Postlude: "Sing we now of Christmas" - Traditional French Carol

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Sunday, December 29: RECEPTION AND BOOK TALK: We are delighted to welcome Dr. Andrew Rader. Andrew will speak at 11:30 am about his newly released book, "Beyond the Known". After his talk and a Q&A the author will be pleased to sign your book. A sign-up sheet is available this Sunday during coffee hour to assist us to plan for refreshments.

A special **thank you to Mi-Kyong Lee** for the ministry of music today.