

Colebrook United Church



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10:00 a.m.

First Sunday in Advent

Prelude: *as you arrive, please feel free to light a candle*

We Gather

Welcome

We are a caring, serving community,
faithfully journeying and trusting in the mystery that is God,
seeking joy, peace and justice for all.



Call To Worship *(Susan Lukey, High River UC)*

One Come, people of God, holy creations, wholly God's
with our holey and ragged lives.

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

One: Come on the first Sunday of Advent

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

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

All: We come, O God, we come.

Gathering Hymn: *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* VU 1

Life and Work of the Congregation

Acknowledgement of First Nation Territories

Centering Hymn: *Wait for the Lord* VU 22

Prayer of Approach

Lighting of Advent Candle *(Adapted from Susan Lukey, High River UC)*

Lighting of the Candle of Hope



**All: Wise Ones from the East,
where are you going?
Can we go, too?**



One: We have seen an amazing star, It shines brighter
than any other star, We are going to follow this
star and see where it takes us. We think it will lead
us to a child who will soon be born, a child of God
who will change the world. We have faith that God
will show us the way. We have great hope that our
quest will be successful. And, you can come with us.

**All: Thank you, Wise Ones, for your faith and your
gift of hope. We will join you on this Advent adventure**

Song: *A Candle is Burning*

VU 6 vs. 1

Sharing the Peace of Christ

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

We Proclaim

Learning Together

Sung Response: *We Three Kings*

The Hymnal 166 vs.1

Scripture: Isaiah 9:2-7

Reflection: In The Darkness, Light



We Respond to God's Word

Hymn: *In the Bulb There Is a Flower*

VU 703

Presenting our Gifts and Offerings:

Offertory Hymn: *We Give Our Thanks to God*

MV 187 (vs. 1)

Prayer of Dedication

A Time of Prayer:

Joys and Concerns

Song of Preparation: *And When You Call For Me* MV 96

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

