

# Corner Brook United Church

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## Office Hours:

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## Washrooms

**Upstairs:** through the door to the right of the stage

**Downstairs:** the exit between the two coat racks

We strive to be a **scent free** facility.

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**November 30, 2025**



**ADVENT I**

## November 30, 2025 Advent I

Prelude

Introit

Welcome and Announcements

Silent Prayer

Call to Worship:

1: At this time of year, with its encroaching darkness, we are called to remember the coming of a great light.

2: A child in whom we place our hope

1: He will be named Wonderful Counsellor,  
Mighty God, Prince of Peace...

2: Emmanuel – God with us.

Hymn: *A Candle is Burning* VU 6 v.1

Lighting the Candle of Hope

Hymn: *Hope is a Star* VU 7 v.1

Prayer of Thanksgiving for God's Presence

Anthem

Responsive Reading: (from Isaiah 11: 1 – 10)

L: A shoot will grow up from the stump of Jesse. A branch will sprout from his roots.

**P: The Lord's spirit will rest upon him – a spirit of wisdom and understanding, a spirit of planning and strength, a spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord.**

L: He won't judge by appearances, nor decide through hearsay.

**P: He will judge the needy with righteousness, and decide with equity for those who suffer.**

L: Righteousness will be the sash around his hips, and faithfulness the belt around his waist.

**P: In those days the wolf will live with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the young goat. The calf and the lion will feed together.**

L: The cow and the bear will both graze. Their young will lie down together, and lions will eat straw like an ox.

**P: A nursing child will safely play over the snake's hole, and toddlers will reach into the serpent's den without danger.**

L: No one will harm or destroy anywhere on my holy mountain says the Lord. And all the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord.

**P: On that day, the root of Jesse will stand as a signal to the peoples. The nations will seek him out, and his dwelling will be glorious.**

## The Diatessaron

Reading: Matthew 1: 18 – 25

Message: Staying focussed on the big picture

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

Offertory Hymn: *Praise God from...* VU 541

Offertory Prayer

Community Prayer / LORD's Prayer

Hymn: *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus* VU 2

Blessing: May the God of hope fill you with all joy  
and peace in faith, so that you overflow with  
hope to share with others.

Postlude

As early as the 160's CE – a time when the final composition of the New Testament was still very much in flux – a Syrian Christian named Tatian took the four most common gospels in circulation (there were many others) and combined them into a single harmonized text called *Diatessaron* (from the Latin, meaning 'made of four').

He had to chose one narrative's sequence of events when the existing accounts differed in chronology. He also omitted both Matthew's and Luke's geologies of Jesus (which conflict wildly) and a few other small bits – but overall he stuck to the existing wording.

By leaving out the geologies and eliminating duplication Tatian's single gospel narrative is about  $\frac{3}{4}$  the length of the four canonical gospels put together. It also tells the story of Jesus' ministry in a much easier and clearer way than picking through four separate accounts.

Adopting the *Diatessaron* would have spared centuries of Christians the niggling debates over areas where the four gospels disagree, but the early Church Fathers dismissed it. Four gospels with slightly differing chronologies and other details clearly wasn't a problem in their eyes.

## Memorial

**Local:** In loving memory of Margie Taylor by Bert, Sandra and grandson Brad

The **choir** rehearses on Fridays at 2pm in the music room. New members are always welcome.

## Announcements

The next **Outreach Luncheon** is scheduled for Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am – 12:30pm. Volunteers are always welcome

We are looking for donations of hats, mitts, warm socks and personal care items for our Outreach Christmas care bags we will distribute at the luncheon on Dec 10<sup>th</sup>. There is a box in the porch for these donations. Thank you for your support.

St. John the Evangelist's **Advent Ecumenical Service** will take place on this evening at 7pm. Donations for the Bay of Islands Foodbank will be collected.

The **UCW Candlelight Service** tomorrow at 7pm with refreshments to follow in the Lower Hall. The offering will be donated to the Foodbank.

**The Tree of Memories Service** is set for this Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Outside ceremony begins at 7pm with a service in our sanctuary at 7:30pm. Refreshments to follow in the Lower Hall.