

**East Camden Pastoral Charge  
Moscow & Riverside United Churches**

**Rev. Phil Wilson – Minister  
Elaine Williams – Riverside Organist  
Charlie Pritchard – Moscow Organist**

**December 2 – Advent 1  
Disabilities Awareness Day  
‡ ‡ Stand in body or spirit**

WE GATHER TOGETHER

**Musical Prelude**

**Welcome, Announcements, and Calls for Community**

**‡ ‡ Statement of our Faith – A New Creed VU 918**

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath:** (Adapted from Jim Allan, Camrose UC)

We light a candle for Hope.

(silent reflection)

**Call to Worship:**

**Opening Prayer:**

**‡ ‡ Hymn:** VU #1, “O Come, O Come. Emmanuel” (verse 1)

**Call of Confession:**

**Prayer of Confession:**

Loving Creator, you call us to rejoice  
in your promise of the birth that is to come,  
but we are afraid.

**You invite us into a world  
where justice and righteousness prevail,  
but we turn away in fear.**

We long for an easy path into your promised world,  
but you warn us that there is no easy way.

**Birth new life within us,**

**that we may abide in your perfect love —  
the love that casts out fear.**

Time of reflection...

**Assurance of Grace:**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

**Prayer of Illumination:**

**Scripture Lessons:**

**† † Psalm 25:1–10 (# 752)**

To you, God, I lift my soul.

**Jeremiah 33:14–16**

A righteous branch from David's line.

*Reflect & Connect: Where do you see God's righteousness at work today?  
(Jer 33:14-16)*

**1 Thessalonians 3:9–13**

How can we thank God adequately?

*Reflect & Connect: What is one way you can 'abound in love for one  
another' today? Individually or together? (1 Thess 3:12)*

**Luke 21:25–36**

Signs in the heavens and on earth; parable of the fig tree.

*Reflect & Connect: What "worries of this life" weigh you down? (Luke  
21:34)*

(This week's Reflect & Connect questions written by Julie Sevig @ Working  
Preacher)

**† † Hymn: VU #6, "A Candle is Burning"**

## **Sermon**

## **Ministry of Music**

**Minute for Mission:** “Bakery Blessings”

## **Invitation to offering:**

‡ ‡ **Hymn of Dedication:** VU #74, “What Child Is This”

## **Dedication of Our Tithes and Offerings:**

Giver of all good things,  
as we offer these gifts to you,  
**open our eyes to see more clearly  
all that we have been given  
and all that we have to give.**

Stretch our capacity to give of ourselves:  
our love, our companionship,  
and our material resources,  
wherever they are needed. **Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People:** (Singing The Lord’s Prayer)

A sung response to “Help us keep alert to your hope as we wait...” will be from VU 400 “Lord listen to your children praying.”

## **WE ARE SENT OUT IN FAITH TO SERVE**

‡ ‡ **Hymn:** VU #226, “For the Beauty of the Earth”

## **Sending Forth:**

Go into the world awake to the signs  
of God’s invitations to new life.

**We know that the reign of Christ draws nearer  
with each right action we choose.**

‡ ‡ **Choral Response:** “Go Now in Peace”  
**Go now in peace, never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of every day.**

**Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
Know God will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe;  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there, watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.  
Amen, Amen, Amen**

(Today's prayers sourced or adapted from Feasting on the Word, Liturgies for Year C & Ministry Matters)

**Household Prayer: Evening:**

Thank you for the signs of your coming reign,  
and for the power of your saving love.

Bless all those whom I met today,  
and strengthen their hope in your power and grace.

Now as I close my eyes,  
I relinquish all anxieties and fears,  
trusting in your providence and mercy. Amen.

(From Feasting on the Word – Worship Companion Year C)

**Readings for Sunday December 9 – Advent 2:**

**Luke 1:68–79 (#900)**

Zechariah sings, “Blessed be the God of Israel.”

**Philippians 1:3–11**

I thank God every time I remember you.

**Luke 3:1–6**

A voice calling in the desert

*To Ponder: What part of your home, church, community, or faith needs some clearing out and cleaning up? What would you like to cry out into the world today?*

(Source of To Ponder: Gatherings 2018/2019)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Minister's email: rev.philwilson@yahoo.com phone: 613.377.6406

Secretary's email: darcie@darciekelly.com phone: 613.777.5237

**Do you have an announcement?** Email Darcie with the subject "Bulletin Announcement" or drop it in her mail box at 451 Huffman Road by **noon Wednesday** to be included in that week's bulletin.

Rev. Phil is available for **pastoral care**. Please call Phil at **613-377-6406** (please leave a message and your call will be returned in a timely manner) or email **rev.philwilson@yahoo.com**. Please call Phil if you know of a person in need. Phil would rather receive three calls about the same person than risk having someone's needs missed.

**East Camden Pastoral Charge has a  
vacancy in the Central Treasurer position.**

**If interested or for more information please contact Board Chair,  
Art Lovelace (lovelace@ican.net). Applications close at 6PM on  
Friday, December 14.**

Moscow Church **Pot Luck Supper** at the Friends Meeting Hall at 6 p.m. 3 December.

There will be a **Memorial Service for Beth Kent** for family and friends from the church community on Friday December 7 at 6:00 PM at Moscow United Church. The family has requested the dress for this celebration of life be casual.

All ladies are invited to attend the **Riverside UCW Christmas pot luck lunch** on Tuesday, December 11th at 12:00 noon at the home of Corolyn Lawlor, Camden East. On. Come and enjoy friends and fellowship and a warm welcome. Need info call 613 378-2241.

**Rev. Phil** will be holding a **Blue Christmas Service** at the L&A General Hospital on Thursday December 20, at 1 PM.

**Rev. Tim Milley** will be holding a **Blue Christmas Service** at Cataraqui United Church on Sydenham Road on Sunday December 23, at 2 PM.

A **Blue Christmas or Long Day Service** is a time when people, in community, acknowledge the 'blue' feelings we have at Christmas time and offer them to God.

**Needle Arts Group** – Meets 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at 7:00 pm at Riverside Church. Bring your cross stitch, needlepoint, knitting, quilting, whatever it may be. Sit & work & chit chat. All are welcome!

### **Annual Report Season is fast approaching!**

**Sunday, January 27:** Reports Due! Please send to Darcie by email (darcie@darciekelly.com), or, if necessary, by paper. Darcie will email those who submitted last year so they have a template to work from.

**Sunday, February 10:** Treasurer Reports Due!

**Sunday, February 17:** 2018 Annual Report available on-line with some hard copies available.

**Tuesday, February 26, 7pm:** Annual Meeting of Official Board at Moscow United Church

**Sunday, March 3, 10:45am:** Riverside Annual Congregational Meeting

**Tuesday, March 5, 7pm:** Moscow Annual Congregational Meeting