

**WORSHIP PLAN**  
**Sunday, December 13, 2015**  
**Foothills United Church, Calgary**

**ADVENT 3 - Joy**  
**Anointing & Human Rights Sunday**

**1. GATHERING**

**10:05am – Piano Meditation**

*Bill Bradley plays as we gather in Advent –  
Each of us is invited to come forward  
during the piano meditation  
to light a prayer candle –  
not just as a procession at the anointing time*

**10:25am Words of Welcome & News**

*Wendyanne Mothersole presides  
(please come to microphone with your news)*

**10:30am Lighting the Advent Candle**

*We lit the first Advent Candles, for Hope & Peace  
We light the third Advent Candle  
on the communion table.  
We sing the third verse of  
“A Candle Is Burning”  
(Tune: Away in a Manger, Voices United 6)*

**A candle is burning, a candle of joy,  
A candle to welcome brave Mary’s new boy  
Our hearts fill with wonder, and eyes light and glow  
As joy brightens winter, like sunshine on snow.**

**2. LISTENING**

**The Big Idea**

*Bill Bruce introduces the theme of the day:  
“Anointing & Human Rights Sunday –  
Unsettling Goods in Advent –  
Like Joy”*

**Hymn**

**Good Christian Friends, Rejoice**

*We sing, standing as able*

**Voices United 35**

*Tune: In Dulce Jubilo*

**Opening Prayer**

*Bill Bruce leads our prayer*

**Gospel**

**Luke 1:57-80**

**Zechariah’s Joy Song**

*Reader*

**Reflection**

**“Unsettling Goods in Advent:  
Like Joy”**

*Bill Bruce speaks,  
as we all reflect on the word.*

**Hymn**

**Joy is Now in Every Place**

*We sing, standing as able*

**Voices United 45**

*Tune: Resonet In Laudibus*

### 3. RESPONDING

#### **Prayers of the People**

*Wendyanne Mothersole leads  
as we all offer our prayers  
of thanks and asking.*

#### **Lord's Prayer**

*All may sing, seated,  
To tune in **Voices United 960***

#### **Offering Invitation**

*Bill Bruce invites our offering –  
All may come forward, up the centre aisle  
as we sing, repeated:*

**Joy Shall Come  
Voices United 23**

*As we come, we offer gifts and receive blessing  
and/or anointing with oil or water  
Returning back the outside aisles,  
As Bill Bradley plays music*

#### **Dedication of the Offering**

*Bill Bruce leads our prayer,  
dedicating our gifts  
and our renewed intentions  
to prepare in joy.*

#### **Recap News**

*Wendyanne Mothersole reminds us  
What still lies ahead in December  
At Foothills UC, and in Bowness  
Including Healing Pathways ministry*

### 4. SENDING

#### **Hymn**

**Joy to the World  
Voices United 59**  
*Tune: Antioch*

#### **Blessing**

*Bill Bruce sends us out*

#### **Sung Blessing**

##### **“Go Now in Peace”**

*Please join hands in the rows where you are,  
So that everyone in each row can be included,  
Sitting or standing where they are.*

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid.  
God will go with you, each hour of ev'ry day.**

**Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
Know he 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.**

#### **Organ Postlude**

*Bill Bradley plays  
as we gather for coffee*