

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*