

WORSHIP PLAN
Sunday, November 29, 2015
Foothills United Church, Calgary

ADVENT 1 - HOPE
Buy Nothing 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 before the Lord's Prayer*

10:25am Words of Welcome & News

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

10:30am Lighting the Advent Candle

*We light the first Advent Candle
on the communion table.
We sing the first verse of
"A Candle Is Burning"
(Tune: Away in a Manger, Voices United 6)*

**A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,
A candle of hope in December's dark night.
While angels sing blessings
from heaven's starry sky,
Our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.**

2. LISTENING

The Big Idea

*Bill Bruce introduces the theme of the day:
"Buy Nothing Sunday –
Unsettling Goods in Advent"*

Hymn

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
We sing, standing as able
Voices United 2
Tune: Stuttgart

Opening Prayer

Bill Bruce leads our prayer

Gospel

Luke 1:5-25
Zechariah & Elizabeth's Hope Song
Reader: Helen Murray

Reflection

"Unsettling Goods: Hope"
*Bill Bruce speaks,
as we all reflect on the word.*

Hymn

A Light Is Gleaming
We sing, standing as able
Voices United 82
Tune: Living in the Light

3. RESPONDING IN WORSHIP

Prayers of the People
*Orson 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

Offering & Music
Bill Bradley plays as we make offerings

Presentation Chorus
People, Look East
Voices United 9, verse 1
Tune: Besancon

People, look east. The time is near,
of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
Trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east:
Love the guest Is on the way.

Dedication of the Offering
*Bill Bruce leads our prayer,
dedicating our gifts
and our renewed intentions
to prepare in hope.*

4. SENDING FORTH

Hymn
There's a Voice
in the Wilderness Calling
Voices United 18
Tune: Ascension (Bancroft)

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.

Piano/Organ Postlude
*Bill Bradley plays
as we gather for coffee*