

The United Church of Canada  
SILOAM UNITED CHURCH  
Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017  
White Gift & Mitten Tree Sunday  
*First Sunday of Advent*  
Seasonal Colour – White

---

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

Large Print Bulletins and Hymn Books and Hearing Assist Devices  
are available. Please ask the ushers for assistance.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S LOVE

GATHERING SONG

David Parisi

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Sheila Macgregor

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP & ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING:

Allison & Cameron O'Connor

ONE: Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim

**ALL: one more light the bowl shall brim,**

ONE: shining beyond the frosty weather,

**ALL: bright as sun and moon together.**

ONE: Light the candle and sing today:

**ALL: hope the star is on the way.**

**CANDLE LIGHTING:** *All remain seated and sing, "A Candle is  
Burning", #6 VU, verse 1:*

**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.**

**HOLY MOLY VIDEO:** *"The Magi"*

-2-

REFLECTION

Rev. Isaac Mundy

SOUL GROOVE CHOIR

*"Sky Full of Stars", by Coldplay; arranged by Carla Lord*

BEYOND HEROD PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 2:3-6 (The Message)

Reader: Rhianna Faith

REFLECTION

Rev. Isaac Mundy

\* HYMN:

*"Jesus Came Bringing Us Hope"*

#33 MV

HOMAGE IT UP PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 2:9-12 (The Message)

Reader: Rhianna Faith

REFLECTION

Rev. Isaac Mundy

OFFERING, MITTENS & WHITE GIFTS

OFFERING HYMN: *"I Thank You, Thank You, Jesus" #188 MV*

**I thank you, thank you, Jesus,**

**I thank you, thank you, Jesus,**

**I thank you, thank you, Jesus, in my heart.**

**I thank you, thank you, Jesus,**

**I thank you, thank you, Jesus,**

**I thank you, thank you, Jesus, in my heart.**

OFFERING PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Sheila Macgregor



### **Minute for Mission – December 3 - Microcredit Funds Hope**

Our gifts for Mission & Service support microcredit programs. Let us hear about one of these programs in Kenya.

Women with disabilities living in urban slums and rural areas of Kenya face multiple levels of discrimination and struggle to earn a living. Mission & Service partner the Ecumenical Disability Advocates Network (EDAN) has partnered with the organization Women Challenged to Challenge to address the issues of poverty these women face.

EDAN is a ministry of the World Council of Churches committed to the full inclusion of people with disabilities in church and society. Its goal is to break down the walls of fear and prejudice that prevent these people from having rich and meaningful lives. EDAN lives out this goal in different ways around the world.

In Kenya, EDAN and Women Challenged to Challenge have established a revolving loan fund that gives women with disabilities access to modest business loans. The loans, averaging US\$50, allow women to run their own small-scale businesses. These range from a vegetable stall in a local market to selling used clothing to making food to sell. No matter the business, what the loans provide is opportunity—opportunities for women to improve their families' lives and to provide shelter, food, clothing, and an education for their children.

We sing thanksgiving that Mission & Service is supporting women with disabilities in Kenya to improve their families' lives.