



# MINNEDOSA UNITED CHURCH



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*“May the Holy Spirit guide you in service to the church and one another”  
... Natasha Pearen, May 2018*

## Advent 2018

The Season of Advent is upon us and the Worship Committee would like to invite you to journey with us through this season which holds within it: the past, present and future. Advent is observed in our church as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas - as well as the return of Jesus at the second coming. We invite all of you to join with us while we wait & prepare, and come together as a church community through to Christmas Eve.

Our Advent schedule begins with the lighting of the first of four Advent candles: the Candle of Hope on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, followed by the Candle of Peace, the Candle of Joy and the Candle of Love on the following Sundays in December, at 11:00 am.

We will worship together on Christmas Eve at 7:00 pm with a family service. We invite you, your families and friends to attend, to participate and once again hear the Christmas story.

Christmas blessings!

(See over...)

## OTHER ADVENT ACTIVITIES:

Christmas Tea & Meat Pie/Bake Sale	December 1 <sup>st</sup>	2:00 – 3:30 pm
White Gift Sunday & Bell Choir Performance	December 9 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 am
Children's Performance & Cantata Presentation	December 16 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 am
Cantata Performance & Musical Guests	December 16 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm
Longest Night Service	December 21 <sup>st</sup>	7:00 pm
Old Fashioned Christmas & Communion	December 23 <sup>rd</sup>	11:00 am
Christmas Eve Family Service	December 24 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm

\*Please watch the local ads in The Minnedosa Tribune for more details regarding these events.



In Advent we watch and wait God,  
we watch for signs of your action in the world.  
In this season as the days grow shorter and the shadows lengthen  
we give thanks for the promise and joy we find in the Christ Child.

In this season of anticipation, we know that we are easily distracted  
by our own projects and preparation.  
Help us to clear away the many distractions of this season  
and offer our whole lives as gifts to you.

Help us to be mindful of families who have been separated,  
refugees and those affected by violence,  
people struggling with loneliness, hunger and homelessness.

Let us be quick to listen, and slow to judge,  
let us be led by gentleness and kindness,  
let us be messengers of love.

(Exerpts taken from "Hope for the World" service prayers for the first Sunday of Advent  
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