



# Advent and Christmas 2021 at Parkdale United Church

The Christian year begins with Advent. It's here, in the shadows, that the God of grace will arrive. Waiting, longing, and preparing for that arrival, we light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love. In this Advent season, we let scripture and Mary Oliver's poetry be our guides – a perfect way to prepare for the hope, peace, joy, and love of Christmas Day.



**HOPE**

**Advent 1 – Sunday, November 28, 10:30 a.m.**

*The Candle of Hope*

Jeremiah 33:14-16; Luke 21:25-36

**Advent 2 – Sunday, December 5, 10:30 a.m.**

*The Candle of Peace*

Philippians: 1:3-11; Luke 3:16



**PEACE**

**Advent 3 – Sunday, December 12, 10:30 a.m.**

*The Candle of Joy*

Isaiah 12:2-6; Luke: 3:7-18



**JOY**

**Advent 4 – Sunday, December 19, 10:30 a.m.**

*The Candle of Love*

Micah 5:2-5a; Luke 1:39-45



**LOVE**



## CHRISTMAS EVE

**Christmas Eve – Friday, December 24, 4:00 p.m.**

*Children's Pajamas Service*

Wear your pj's and join us for a short interactive children's service, a telling of the Christmas Story! Milk and cookies will be served following the service.

**Christmas Eve – Friday, December 24, 7:00 p.m.**

*All Age Christmas Eve Service*

Join us for a traditional Christmas Eve service with carols and candle lighting.

**Christmas Eve – Friday, December 24, 9:30 p.m.**

*Communion Christmas Eve Service*

Join us for a traditional Christmas Eve service with carols, candle lighting and communion.



**Zoom Gingerbread House Decorating  
Sunday, December 5, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.**

This intergenerational evening is open to the whole family. Join us for decorating gingerbread houses, Christmas trivia, and fun conversation over Zoom. RSVP to [parkdaleuc@telus.net](mailto:parkdaleuc@telus.net) or 403-283-3301 before Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> so we can reserve a gingerbread house for you.