

Brougham Place Uniting Church ***Kardlayirdi Karnungga***
November 29, 2026 ***A Light on the Hill***

Welcome to Brougham Place Uniting Church.

We acknowledge the Kaurna people as the traditional carers of the land on which our church is built.

As you wait for worship to begin, please turn your phone to silent.

Prelude

Welcome and Acknowledgment of Country

Naa marni?	*(Are you all good?)*
Marni Ai!	*(Good I am)*

Introit: *People Look East*

(CH4 – 281. Farjeon/Trad French Carol)

Preacher: Rev Ian Price
Passionate Giving Response Sunday / Moments of Wonder
Liturgical week: Advent One - Hope · Colour: Purple

Lighting of the Candles

Advent begins. Jesus said, "The stars will be falling from heaven... Keep awake." Even in the dark, God's promise still shines.

We are watching, God. Keep us awake to wonder.

[The first candle is lit.]

Today we light a candle for hope. Hope is trusting God's promise, even before we can see how it will come true. This flame is our first moment of wonder this Advent.

Come, Lord Jesus, light of hope.

In this moment of wonder, let us be still, and wait in hope.

We sing: *All is Wonder*

In this moment, in this place,
All is wonder, all is grace.
In this moment, in this place,
Hope awaits. (sing twice)

Call to Worship

BC:AD

This was the moment when Before
Turned into After, and the future's
Uninvented timekeepers presented arms.

This was the moment when nothing
Happened. Only dull peace
Sprawled boringly over the earth.

This was the moment when even energetic Romans
Could find nothing better to do
Than counting heads in remote provinces.

And this was the moment
When a few farm workers and three
Members of an obscure Persian sect
Walked haphazard by starlight straight
Into the kingdom of heaven.

Poem By Ursula Askham Fanthorpe (1929–2009)

Opening Prayer

Holy God, this is the season of waiting,
we rest in the shelter of your love.
This is the season of light,
we trust in the light of your promise.
This is our season to make room, a time to make ready,
as we wait in hope,
for the time when we join in the angel's chorus. Amen

We sing: *Take this Moment, Sign and Space*

1. **Take this moment, sign, and space,**
   take my friends around.
   Here among us make the place
   where your love is found.

2. **Take the time to call my name,**
   take the time to mend
   who I am and what I've been,
   all I've failed to tend.

3. **Take the little child in me,**
   scared of growing old.
   Help them here to find their worth,
   made in Christ's own mould.

4. **Take my talents, take my skills,**
   take what's yet to be.
   Let my life be yours, and yet,
   let it still be me.

Prayer of Confession

God of hope...,

Affirmation of Forgiveness

We know the good news; **in Christ we are forgiven.**

Words of Illumination

God who speaks in every age, wake us to your Word. Give us the hope to look ahead at what you can do and are doing in this world, and how we can be part of this action. Give us ears to hear beyond habit, imagination to perceive your coming, and courage to respond. **Amen**.

Passing of the Peace

The peace of our God be with you.
And also with you.

Community News and Notices

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Children's Time (Exploring the Theme)

Children and Young People may go downstairs for Sunday School and Youth. Parents, you are welcome to join your young children in Sunday School if you feel they may need your assistance. Alternatively, you may wish for your child to remain with you for the duration of worship. Activity packs are available at the entrances.

Choral Anthem – Now the Star of Christmas

(Murray/Gibson – adapted by Nairn)

Update from Mission Momentum Committee

Scripture Reading:

2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-15

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written,

> ‘He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;
> his righteousness endures for ever.’

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

MATTHEW 7:7-12

‘Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

‘In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets.

May the Spirit of God open our eyes to see, our ears to hear,
and our hearts to understand.

Message

We sing: *Son of God, eternal Saviour, source of life and truth and grace.*

1. **Son of God, eternal Saviour,**
   source of life and truth and grace,
   Son of Man, whose birth incarnate
   hallows all our human race,
   Christ our Head, who throned in glory
   for your own will ever plead,
   fill us with your love and pity,
   heal our wrongs, and help our need.

2. **As you, Lord, have lived for others**
   so may we for others live;
   freely have your gifts been granted,
   freely may your servants give:
   yours the gold and yours the silver,
   yours the wealth of sea and land,
   we but stewards of your bounty
   held in trust as from your hand.

3. **Come, O Christ, and reign among us**
   King of love and Prince of peace;
   hush the storm of strife and passion,
   bid its cruel discords cease;
   by your patient years of toiling,
   by your silent hours of pain,
   quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,
   shame our selfish greed of gain.

4. **Son of God, eternal Saviour,**
   source of life and truth and grace,
   Son of Man, whose birth incarnate
   hallows all our human race,
   in your love you prayed the Father
   that your people should be one:
   grant, O Christ, our hope's fruition,
   here on earth your will be done.

Prayers of the People

God of hope, we bring our prayers to you this day…

We pray for those caught up in wars around the world;
soldiers, refugees and those who hold fast
to the reasons for the fighting…

(silence)

We pray for those who are homeless
excluded from what the rest of us are doing,
too cold, or too hot, struggling to keep a hold of who they are…

(silence)

We pray for folk who are ill,
coping with pain, fearing the worst,
and for those who worry for the future…

(silence)

We pray for those folk struggling in relationships,
especially at this ‘family time’,
when the cracks are kept just below the surface…

(silence)

And for the deepest hopes of our hearts, we pray now…

(silence)

Into the mess of this world a fragile child will come –
yelling in the night for his mother,
needing milk and clean linen…

We pin our hopes on you, little baby,
Our God…
pushed out in to the world,
Through pain and into poverty.

Our God is with us and our hope is re-born.
Amen

THE LORD’S PRAYER

> And now with the confidence of the children of God,
> let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us saying…

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

Offering

To give electronically please go to *bpuc.org/give*

Alternatively, there is an offering bowl near the lectern on the left-hand side as you exit the church.

Offering Prayer

We sing: *May the feet of God walk with you.*

May the feet of God walk with you,
and his hand hold you tight.
May the eye of God rest on you,
and his ear hear your cry.
May the smile of God be for you,
and his breath give you life.
May the Child of God grow in you,
and his love bring you home.

Sending Forth and Benediction

Choral Blessing – And Now May the Wonder

(Murray/Gibson – adapted by Nairn)

Extroit

It is appropriate to depart during the Extroit if you wish



Come and share morning tea together, in the basement. There are stairs behind the organ and a ramp between the church and the car park. All are welcome!

Thank you for joining us for worship!
If you would like to get in touch or request a prayer, please make use of the Contact Cards in the pews and next to the Offering Bowl.

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