# Moderator’s Advent Message 2023

## Transcript of Video Message

Hello, I’m the Right Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne, Moderator of The United Church of Canada. As we enter into Advent and a time of expectant waiting for the Christmas miracle, I pray you are able to celebrate this time and experience once again the story of our faith. It is a story of hope, bravery, and a willingness to have faith in God. It is also a story of generosity and of humans caring for each other.

You can also join the growing community of over 1,700 subscribers, lovingly known as revolutionaries, who have found meaningful ways to engage people of all ages through [Advent Unwrapped](https://united-church.ca/worship-theme/advent-unwrapped). Search “Advent Unwrapped” on the United Church’s website and social media channels for a collection of resources and tools to help us prepare for Christ’s arrival and to celebrate the season. This year, we will have new music videos, prayer resources, craft ideas, and recipes to help us unwrap the reason for the season together.

At this time of year, it is especially important to show generosity to each other. For that reason, I’m asking you to consider a gift to our [Mission and Service](https://united-church.ca/donate). Your gifts allow our church to respond to those in need in Canada and around the world. Your gifts bring hope, compassion, and caring through tangible actions such as feeding those who hunger, helping refugees, and seeking justice for those most marginalized.

Whatever you are able to do, I thank you. Your prayers, your gifts, and your actions are all important. God bless you this Advent season.