



Kincardine United Church
Advent 1

December 1st, 2019 10:30 a.m.

Welcome. You bless us with your presence. If you are a first time worshipper, please sign our guest register at the front entrance of the church. Thank you for turning off your cell phones and for refraining from flash photography. Please join us for coffee and fellowship in the downstairs hall following the service.

Bold print in the bulletin invites you to say the words.

*An asterisk in the bulletin indicates you may sit or stand.

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PRELUDE Carol Sing

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

Kincardine United Church takes seriously

the commitments made to First Nations communities

through the national Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report,
especially through the Calls to Action to churches like us.

Therefore, we acknowledge, this day,

that we gather for worship

on the traditional territories of the Saugeen Ojibway,

and the other Indigenous peoples who preceded them –

the original nations of this land –

and we acknowledge, with respect,

their history, their spirituality, and their culture.

ANNOUNCEMENTS**SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST****GOD GATHERS US****INTROIT** Low How a Rose*J. Brahms***ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING AND PRAYER OF APPROACH**

We come as the nights grow longer –

the darkness swallowing the light later each morning and earlier each evening.

Our world seems more fractured, more polarized, more divided.

Yet we come to worship with past echoes of a child's birth, of wails of promise.

We want peace; we long for dialogue; we yearn for trusting relationships.

As we wait for what will be, promised in Emmanuel – God with us –

we light this Advent candle of peace as we embrace the light of possibility.

*(The first Advent Candle is lit.)***(we sing)****God of the Bible, God in the Gospel, hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,****you are our centre, daylight or darkness, freedom or prison, you are our home.****Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,****God always faithful, you do not change.****Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,****God always faithful, you do not change.**

In our waiting and in our wondering, let us join as one in prayer:

Come deeply into our hearts, Prince of Peace,**refreshing our strength for creating mutual relationships,****refreshing our witness to Jesus' Way of self-giving,****refreshing our courage to change the world for freedom,****refreshing our vulnerability in listening and in learning.****Come as a fresh breeze to blow away cobwebs of timidity, we pray. Amen.*****VOICES UNITED** 1 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**PRAYER OF CONFESSION****ASSURANCE OF GRACE****SHARING TIME** Marshmallow Waiting**THE LORD'S PRAYER (we sing)****Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,****thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.****Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses****as we forgive those who trespass against us,****and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.****For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.****GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD****BIBLE READING** Isaiah 2:1-5 from the paraphrase *The Message****VOICES UNITED** 688 O Day of God Draw Nigh

BIBLE READING Romans 13:11-14 from the New Testament page 162

DOXOLOGY Bring Many Names #268 Voices United, verse 6 only
Great, living God, never fully known,
joyful darkness far beyond our seeing,
closer yet than breathing, everlasting home:
Hail and hosanna, great, living God!

MEDITATION Coming Attractions

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

ANTHEM Lo How a Rose

arr. David Hamilton

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)

For the gifts of abundance you have shared with us, O God, we thank you.
Bless what we now share that we may in turn be a blessing in Jesus' name.
Amen.

***VOICES UNITED** 29 Hark the Glad Sound

***BENEDICTION**

***SONG OF COMMITMENT** Gloria #37 Voices United
Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE Wachet Auf

J.S. Bach



AV MINISTRY TEAM 🗣️ Sean Crawford-Thompson,
Dave Leaning, Jim Zarubick

COUNTERS 💰 Angela & Don Hazlewood

DECEMBER HOUSE LEADERS 🏠 Vacant

MUSIC 🎵 David Hamilton, KUC Choir

NURSERY ATTENDANT ♦ Thank you

SCRIPTURE READER 📖 Thank you

SLIDE PRESENTATION ♦ Sarah MacKenzie

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER ♦ Jackie Clements

WORSHIP 🕊️ Gord Dunbar