



**Kincardine United Church  
Advent 4 Service  
December 24, 2017 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 AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**GOD GATHERS US**

**MUSICAL INTROIT** In Dulci Jubilo

*Dupré*

**ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING**

In this season of expectant waiting, we hold our breath.

**We yearn for love which makes us whole.**

When we feel lonely, when we feel alone, when we feel abandoned,  
when we don't feel lovely, when we know not where to turn, when we despair,

**God settles into our hearts, loving.**

On that foundation, on that potential, on that created reality within,

**we trust with growing confidence.**

Into the vacuum of loneliness love seeps,  
into the ugliness of abandonment love caresses and coaxes,  
into the depths of despair divine love fills to overflowing,

**as the flame of love is gifted from the One who transforms.**

*(The fourth Advent Candle is lit)*

**SUNG RESPONSE** "All the Wonder that Surrounds Us"

Words by Iona Community (used with permission) (tune #227 *Voices United*)

**God has willed that peace and justice walk hand in hand.**

**Those, with love, shall build foundations on which we'll stand:**

**love for lover, friend and stranger, love defying death and danger,**

**love as first born in a manger heaven close at hand.**

**\*VOICES UNITED 60** O Come All Ye Faithful

**ANTHEM** Carol of the Drum

*Katherine Davis*

**SHARING TIME** "Room for a Little One" by Martin Waddell

**SOLO** Carol Medley

*Morgan Ritchie*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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**

**\*VOICES UNITED 38** Angels We Have Heard on High

**BIBLE READING** Luke 1:26-38 in the New Testament on page 56

**GLORIA**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,**

**as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be,**

**world without end. Amen.**

**MEDITATION** "Here I Am, Servant"

**GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND**

**ANTHEM** Mary Had a Baby

*Spiritual*

**COMMUNITY PRAYERS**

**OFFERING INVITATION AND OFFERTORY**

Puer Natus in Bethlehem

*Buxtehude*

**\*OFFERTORY HYMN 541 VU** Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow  
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**  
**praise God, all creatures high and low;**  
**give thanks to God in love made known:**  
**Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

**\*OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)**  
**Servanthood is hard, O God, yet you call us to serve.**  
**Following through on a commitment is challenging, O Christ,**  
**yet you call us to reach out to others in love.**  
**Giving to others beyond our own needs and wants is demanding,**  
**O Spirit, yet you give us the direction and the purpose.**  
**Bless what we offer here as signs of our servanthood,**  
**of our commitment and of our self-giving in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**\*VOICES UNITED 43** Go Tell It on the Mountain

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*SONG OF COMMITMENT 37 VU** Gloria  
**Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia.**

**POSTLUDE** In Dulci Jubilo

*Bach*



**AV MINISTRY TEAM** 📺 Thank you

**COUNTERS** 🗑️ Bernd & Ursula Portz

**DECEMBER HOUSE LEADER** 🏠 Sheila Bauer

**MUSIC** 🎵 David Hamilton, KUC Choir,  
Morgan Ritchie

**NUSERY ATTENDANT** ♦ Doris Clark

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER** ♦ Jackie Clements

**SCRIPTURE READER** 📖 Randy Norris

**WORSHIP** 🕊️ Gord Dunbar