

# Kincardine United Church

## Christmas Day

December 25, 2022 10:30 a.m.

**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 : In Dulci Jubilo    Marcel Dupré**

**WELCOME**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND (unison)**

**We acknowledge that we at Kincardine United Church live, work, worship and play on the traditional lands of Treaty 45 1/2 and the Saugeen Ojibway. As we celebrate the birth of Jesus once again, we remember everything this birth means for our whole world and all people: hope, peace, joy and love. May we live our lives moving gently in creation, listening, learning and striving to be people of reconciliation.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**INTROIT    Silent Night    Gunther Martin Gottsche**

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Gill Levre, Walton Memorial U.C., Oakville, Ont

**PRAYER OF APPROACH (responsive)**

Far from home and at risk from the threatening and powerful, Jesus is born to Mary and Joseph.

**We give you thanks, O God, for Jesus, the chosen One.**

Far from home but embraced by God's light and love, Jesus is born to Mary and Joseph.

**We give you thanks, O God, for Jesus, the chosen One.**

Far from home but celebrated by heavenly angels, Jesus is born to Mary and Joseph.

**We give you thanks, O God, for Jesus, the chosen One.**

Far from home but sought out by humble shepherds, Jesus is born to Mary and Joseph.

**We give you thanks, O God, for Jesus, the chosen One.**

Far from home and close to home,

**We welcome the birth of the Christ child this Christmas Day.**

**Amen**

David Sparks,

Summerland, B.C.

**HYMN** VU #1 O Come, O come Emmanuel

**STORY** Why Christmas Trees Aren't Perfect by Richard W. Schneider

**HYMN** VU 69 Away in a Manger

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)**

Holy God, you offer us new life in the baby at Bethlehem, but we confess that we have made something trivial, something sentimental, out of Christmas.

Your light comes into the world, and we see only the pretty lights on the trees. You shine in the darkness, but we turn away from the darkness of our world and we miss you.

Your Word is made flesh, but we would like something nicer, more spiritual, than the humanity of God with us in the flesh.

Forgive us God, strengthen us with the hope that cannot be packed away with the Christmas ornaments. May we who have beheld this glory hold it in our hearts forever.

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

## **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Laura Rousseau, Winnipeg, Man

**GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 2: Verses 1-20 – read from The Message.**

**DOXOLOGY “Maker in Whom We Live” #321 Voices United (verse 4 only)**  
Eternal, Triune God, let all the hosts above,  
let all on earth below record and dwell upon your love.  
When heaven and earth have fled before your glorious face,  
may all the saints your love has made sing everlasting praise.

**STORY - KEEPING CHRISTMAS by Henry Van Dyke**

**HYMN – VU #67 SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT**

**MEDITATION Every Day a Christmas, Every Heart a Manger**  
Adapted from “The Bethlehem Stable” by Max Lucado, Pages  
129-136

**Hymn – VU 60 OH COME ALL YE FAITHFUL**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Our Father who are 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.

**ANTHEM Prelude on Quen Pastores H. Willan**

## **OFFERING INVITATION**

Elaine Bridgood Sweet, First Lutheran, Rugby & Leeds, North  
Dakota

**DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING (UNISON)**

**God of Love, we offer these gifts for your church and your world. But most of all, we offer you the gift of our hearts, ready to receive the gifts of new life and hope you offer us in the baby of Bethlehem. We are ready to share your gifts to us in our love for others and through our love for your world. Amen**

Jane Doull, St Andrews U.C., St. Andrews, N.B.

**STORY – THE LEGEND OF THE CANDY CANE**

**HYMN: VU #59 JOY TO THE WORLD**

**BENEDICTION**

Mary Parsons, Munn's U.C., Oakville, Ont.

**SONG OF COMMITMENT #37 VU Gloria**

**Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

**Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia.**

**POSTLUDE In Dulci Jubilo BWV 751 J.S. Bach**