



**Kincardine United Church
1st Sunday after Christmas
December 30, 2018 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

A Boy is Born

Buxtehude

WELCOME AND 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 AND SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**GOD GATHERS US****LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE****INTROIT** In Sweet Rejoicing*Dupré***CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH**

God of glory,

angels called to shepherds with songs of your good news.**Mary pondered the mystery of your wisdom and****goodness in the tumult of new birth.**

Your splendor shines from a manger

where the Light of the world was born to pierce the darkness.

We praise you from the heights and the from the depths;**in the heavens and on the earth and seas,****in the halls of learning and in the courts of power****and in the places of humility.****We praise you with the loving of our hearts,****with the work and movement of our bodies,****and with the thinking of our minds.****We gather with all people in every place who have glimpsed your salvation and grace to worship and praise you as****Father, Son and Holy Spirit;****Creator, Redeemer and Guide;****the Source of life,****the Light that shines in the darkness,****the Wisdom of the ages;****perfect and eternal, now and forever. Amen.*****VOICES UNITED 59** Joy to the World**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

God of compassion,

we confess that we have not always lived as your chosen people**and have chosen to live lives that reflect our desires not yours.****We have given ourselves over to envy and pride rather than clothing ourselves in kindness;****we have been rash and impatient rather than understanding;****we have begrudged what we lack rather than being thankful for the blessings of this life. Forgive our distracted and careless living and let new life be born within our spirits, our communities, and in your church.****For we ask this in the name of the Christ child.***(Silent Prayer)***ASSURANCE OF GRACE****SHARING TIME** Resolutions – no not again!**THE LORD'S PRAYER (say together)****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.**

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

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

BIBLE READING Psalm 98 VU p. 818 refrain 2

***VOICES UNITED** 48 Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

BIBLE READING John 1: 1-14 Pew Bible

DOXOLOGY 268 VU Bring Many Names (verse 1 only)

MEDITATION "A Witness to the Light"

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

***VOICES UNITED** 91 The First Nowell (verses 1, 2, 4, 6)

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

note: during the prayers this morning we respond to:

Kerry praying: In the name of the Light that shines through all darkness,

Response: Hear our prayers.

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING PRAYER (unison)

God of love, **we give thanks for the many blessings you have given to us during our lives. We are grateful for opportunities to celebrate life and the birth of your greatest gift, our Saviour Jesus. Bless these our offerings. Bless us and use all things that we offer for your glory. Amen.**

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

***BENEDICTION (responsive)**

Let us go from this place in peace,

to love and care for one another in the name of Christ,

may the blessing of God

who established heaven and earth

fill our hearts and share the light from us to all people,

may the blessing of the Lord

who is born anew each Christmas time

call us towards a new tomorrow;

and may the blessing of the Spirit

who refreshes and renews all creation;

who pierces the darkness with light;

guide and lead us as we enter the new year. Alleluia. Amen.

***SONG OF COMMITMENT MV 37 VU Gloria**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Glory to God, glory to God, hallelujah, hallelujah!

POSTLUDE Fanfare Fugue

J.S. Bach