



**Kincardine United Church
1st Sunday after Christmas
December 31, 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 The Old Year Has Passed Away

Bach

WELCOME, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GOD GATHERS US

MUSICAL INTROIT The Old Year Has Passed Away

Dupré

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

God specializes in new beginnings.

God calls us to take up the gift of a new year -

to live intentionally through its days, rather than to let them drift by

unvalued,
 unused,
 unimportant.

So may our worship launch for us a year of vibrant, exciting life.

A year when the gift of time is used to bring God's purposes into being.

Let us worship God, who calls us ever to begin again.

Let us Pray:

Holy God, our Alpha and Omega, you are our beginning and our end.

**We balance on the edge of our days, teetering between old and new,
 between coming and going, between hello and goodbye.**

To you, O God, we give all our yesterdays.

Hallow and protect them in your keeping.

To you, O God, we dedicate all our tomorrows.

Guide us to your light.

To you, O God, we offer this day, this worship.

Bless it, and us, who worship you, now and forever. Amen.

VOICES UNITED 530 All Beautiful the March of Days

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison) (Voices United #63)

God of stable, stars and surprises, of light and hope and new life:

open our eyes and hearts to your presence in our world;

forgive our obsession with property and possessions;

forgive our compromises and narrowness of vision.

Open us to your grace, that we might hear again the song of angels,

and respond with a song in our hearts, and in our lives.

(Silent Prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

SHARING TIME

VOICES UNITED 50 He Is Born, Little Child Divine

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(we sing 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.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

BIBLE READING Isaiah 55:8-13 in the Old Testament on page 686

VOICES UNITED 62 Once in Royal David's City

BIBLE READING Luke 6:37-45 in the New Testament on page 65

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 "New Beginnings" ...Doug Brown

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

ANTHEM TBA

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

OFFERING INVITATION AND OFFERTORY In Thee Is Gladness

Dupré

***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)**

May these gifts open others to the blessings you give this Christmas:
the gift of child-like wonder;
the gift of radiant hope;
the gift of peace which passes all understanding;
the gift of joy which knows no bounds.

With these gifts, we bring ourselves, O God,
in response to the greatest gift of all – the Babe of Bethlehem. Amen.

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

***BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE In Thee is Gladness

Bach

AV MINISTRY TEAM 📧 Thank you

COUNTERS 🗳️ Ralph & Mary-Ann Knowles

DECEMBER HOUSE LEADER 🏠 Sheila Bauer

MUSIC 🎵 David Hamilton

NUSERY ATTENDANT ♦ Thank you

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER ♦ Diane Clubb

SCRIPTURE READER 📖 Marion Brown

WORSHIP 🕯️ Doug Brown