

Kincardine United Church
Advent 4
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CAROL SING (*In Person*)

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

We acknowledge the Traditional Territory of the Anishinabek Nation:

The People of the Three Fires

known as Ojibway, Odawa and Pottawatomie Nations.

We further give thanks to the Chippewas of Saugeen,

and the Chippewas of Nawash – now known as the Saugeen Ojibway Nation –
as the traditional keepers of this land.

**Our thanks compel us to live fully into our journey of reconciliation –
a seven-generation process of intentional listening and learning.**

We seek to live together in respect, friendship and peace.

**We, thus, commit ourselves to follow Jesus' calling us into the world,
loving one another as we are loved by God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GOD GATHERS US

MUSICAL INTROIT Silent Night Op. 55, Nr. 8 *Gunther Martin Gottsche*

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

(based on Philippians 4:4-7)

On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we light this candle symbolizing LOVE.

We come to lean into loving one another – even when it is difficult.

Jesus demonstrated that every person is worthy of our love,

a flame of purpose which should not be extinguished.

(The fourth candle is lit)

Love is most fully lived in relationships that are mutual, life-giving and self-giving.

We come learning how to love with kindness and compassion.

Let us sing as we celebrate the good news embodied in love alive among us.

VOICES UNITED 7 verse 4 only (we sing)

Love is a flame that burns in our heart, Jesus has come and will never depart.

When God is a child there's joy in our song.

The last shall be first and weak shall be strong, and none shall be afraid.

Let us join together in prayer, inspired by everlasting love:

Teach us, O God, to hear the cries of the poor.

Show us how to touch others with loving kindness.

Speak to us that we, too, may speak the good news with love.

Encourage us to run to those who need us.

**Open our perceptions to see Christ's face in one another,
setting our hearts on fire with passionate self-giving. Amen.**

***VOICES UNITED 55** In the Bleak Midwinter

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Silent Prayer*)

SHARING TIME A Birthday Party for Jesus

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

CHOIR ANTHEM Mary, Mary *Mary Donnelly and George L. O. Strid*

BIBLE READING Luke 1:39-45 in the New Testament on page 57

***VOICES UNITED #46** Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

BIBLE READING Luke 1:46-55 in the New Testament on page 57

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 Freed for Possibility

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

CHOIR ANTHEM Goin' to Bethlehem *Jay Althouse*

MINUTE FOR MISSION

OFFERING INVITATION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

Hey, God! We offer our gifts of time, of talent and of treasure.

We have wrapped them in the colourful paper of our diversity,
 tied them with the strength of our ribbons of relationship
 and decorated them with the bows of self-giving.

May you bless them as our presence in the world in Jesus' name. Amen.

*VOICES UNITED 44 It Came upon the Midnight Clear

BENEDICTION

SONG OF COMMITMENT *Gloria # 37 Voices United*

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE In dulci Jubilo BMV 751 *J. S. Bach*