

Kincardine United Church  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas  
December 26, 2021 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**

**HYMN VU #59 Joy to the World**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND**

Kincardine United Church takes seriously

the commitments made to the First nation 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**

**SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**GOD GATHERS US**

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

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE** (taken from Spacious Faith)

We give thanks for the light of hope—unrelenting and inexplicable.

**Our hope in Christ shines on.**

We give thanks for the light of peace—strong and unafraid.

**The peace of Christ lights our way.**

We give thanks for the light of joy—persistent and unpredictable.

**The joy of Christ brightens our lives.**

We give thanks for the light of love—hot and holy.

**The love of Christ comforts and challenges.**

Now let us light the Christ candle as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

**Thank you, God, for your light in this world through Jesus Christ.**

The light shines in the darkness.

***And the darkness has not overcome it.***

## CALL TO WORSHIP

**PRAYER OF APPROACH (in unison)**

**O God Our Creator, our hope and our life,**

**For all that you give us, for all that you are,**

**We bring you praise.**

**A life of gratitude is our gift to you for coming to us as a human child,**

**For pouring into the world your hope, your peace, your joy and your love.**

**As those who came to worship and adore the newborn babe in Mary's arms,**

**We now worship you – the light of the world!**

**Come to us anew and fill our hearts with love. Amen**

*Glad Klassen, Stamford Lane U.C., Niagara Falls*

**HYMN VU #7 Hope is a Star**

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Precious Lord, tiny baby,

We come like the little drummer boy

Feeling we have nothing to give.

**Awaken in us a new Christmas.**

All tired and beaten from external forces,

We look to you, our heavenly choice.

**Awaken in us a new Christmas.**

Jesus has come to serve and heal.

Incarnate God, you know our yearnings and our needs.

**Awaken in us a new Christmas.**

We open our spirits to you, Divine Peace and Power,

The promises King, Emmanuel.

**Awaken in us a new Christmas. Amen**

**STORY The Tale of Three Trees**

*A Traditional Folktale retold by Angela Elwell Hunt*

**HYMN VU #74 What Child is This**

**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.

### GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

**GOSPEL** – Luke 2:1-20 – The Christmas Story

**HYMN VU #58** Infant Holy, Infant

**STORY** A Special Place for Santa *by Jeanne Pieper*

### GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

#### COMMUNITY PRAYERS

**STORY** Remembering *by Cass Wingood*  
*taken from Chicken Soup for the Soul – Christmas is in the Air*

#### OFFERING INVITATION

#### OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)

God of infinite generosity, love and compassion, we thank you for all the blessings you have bestowed upon us. We offer, in gratitude our gifts of time, talent and treasure, to bring hope to those suffering, to spread joy to your children and to foster peace in our world. Shine your love in our hearts. Amen

**HYMN VU #43** Go Tell it on the Mountain

#### BENEDICTION

**SONG OF COMMITMENT** Gloria # 37 *Voices United*

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

**POSTLUDE** Prelude in C Major *BWV 553 J. S. Bach*