



Kincardine United Church
2nd Sunday of Advent

December 6 2020 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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CAROL SING (*begins at 10:20 a.m.*)

VOICES UNITED 64 "O Little Town of Bethelhem" (*verses 1,3, 4*)

VOICES UNITED 47 "Still, Still, Still" (*all verses*)

VOICES UNITED 44 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" (*verses 1 & 4*)

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

As we gather for worship, we acknowledge that we are gathered
on the traditional territory of First Nations Peoples –
Peoples who have lived on this land and by these waters
for thousands of years.

**We gather as a non-Indigenous community of faith
on the traditional territory of the Saugeen Ojibwe Nation,
giving gratitude for their stewardship through the ages.**

We are newcomers to this land and we have gained so much in coming.

Our gain, however, has come at a great cost to First Nations Peoples.

We acknowledge that we have gained much within racist systems of our creation,
systems which have benefitted those who are white, Christian and heterosexual.

**Our acknowledgement is only the beginning of our journey
toward reconciliation, toward healing of all our relations
with those we have belittled in this culture.**

Our words must now be followed up with action.

**We pray the Holy Spirit breathes forgiveness, hope and love
into all our relations and sets us free from the evil of colonialism.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GOD GATHERS US

MUSICAL INTROIT Voluntary

Anonymous, late 18th Century

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Come for worship on this second Sunday of Advent,
of our continuing preparation as we await the coming of the infant Jesus,
of this time to focus on how to co-create the kin-dom of God.

**We come longing for peace in the midst of increasing polarization,
yet we are intimidated by the task our faith calls us to fulfil.**

Come knowing that Jesus' birth was fraught and fragile,
yet that ordinary and insignificant birth was the advent of the world transformed.

**We come, then, in trust and in confidence,
comforted because the Spirit strengthens, encourages and equips us.**

(the second Advent candle is lit)

(Voices United #6, verse 2, we sing)

**A candle is burning, a candle of peace,
a candle to signal that conflict must cease:
for Jesus is coming to show us the way;
a message of peace humbly laid in the hay.**

Let us join as one community of faith in prayer:

**Midwife God, guide us through humility
to gestate your mission of healthy and mutual relationships.**

Breathe with us as we labour to deliver peace which passes all understanding.

**Teach us to nurse a tired and overwhelmed world
with the milk of human kindness and unconditional love.**

**Coach us to build bridges across chasms of misunderstanding
that we follow the Way of Jesus into peace. Amen.**

***VOICES UNITED 18** There's a Voice in the Wilderness

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Silent Prayer)*

SHARING TIME "Shin-chi's Canoe"

THE LORD'S PRAYER *We Sing*

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 40:1-11 in the Old Testament page 667

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

BIBLE READING 2nd Peter 3:8-15a from the paraphrase *The Message*.

DOXOLOGY NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD #236 VU (verse 3 only)
 All praise and thanks to God for all that has been given,
 the Son, and Spirit blest who dwell in highest heaven,
 the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

MEDITATION Stealing Time

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

ANTHEM Are You Dressed for the Wedding? *Joseph M. Martin, David Angerman*

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

PLANNED GIVING *Rad Michielson*

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)
 Midwife God, you have coached us as we birth generosity.
 We offer through our labour
 through our time, our talent and our treasure.
 Bless our birthing that it may grow and mature
 while inspiring transformation within this world of need. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 688** O Day of God Draw Nigh

BENEDICTION

SONG OF COMMITMENT 37 "Gloria"
 Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!
 Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune Cebell

Henry Purcell