

Kincardine United Church

Advent 1

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PRELUDE Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland *BUX 211 Dietrich Buxtehude*

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.

**Therefore, we 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 Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland *BWV 599 J.S. Bach*

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH *(based on Is 2:1- 5)*

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.
In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established

as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say,

**“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.”**

We look to you, O God, our judge and our hope.
Teach us to put down our weapons of conflict
-be they physical, mental or spiritual-
And transform them into tools of peace!
So may we be better neighbours, not just to our friends
-but as Jesus taught, with our enemies as well.

Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

***HYMN** MV1 Let Us Build a House

ADVENT CANDLE LITURGY

Arise and be bold, good news of hope is here!

The warm glow of the Divine lightens our hearts.

Here we are together, not alone. We join with the cloud of witnesses here, there,
elsewhere, and everywhere. On this first Sunday in Advent, we will dream
and imagine a different future, a rising-up and life-flourishing one.

We are witnesses to hope.

(The first candle is lit.)

**Our habit of hope and hoping finds sustenance and meaning
in God’s promise of fullness of life!**

We pray,

**God-of-righteous-dreaming, lighten our hearts with an enlarged imagination to
dream new possibilities: to imagine a world where transformation will happen, where
creation is mended and restored, and where exiles and strangers will find a home.
Become in our lives the way to what we need, to what we can become, and to what
we can do.**

SHARING TIME – Survivor Flag teaching part nine

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**God within us, God beyond us, God among us,
may the Mystery always be named and known
among all peoples and in all times.**

May Creation give way to the rule of love and the power of life.

Satisfy our hunger, granting us a hunger to see the whole world fed.

Restore us to right relationship

with you, with Creation, with others, with ourselves.

Strengthen us to reject all that would lead us away from you.

Come to us when we choose death over life.

Give us courage to follow your call in this moment.

For in your love we find the only power,

the only home, the only honour we will ever need,
in this life and the life to come. Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

BIBLE READING Romans 13:11-14

***HYMN** VU 600 When I Needed a Neighbour

BIBLE READING Matthew 24:36-44

DOXOLOGY "Maker in Whom We Live" #321 *Voices United* (verse 4 only)

PRAYER BEFORE MEDITATION

MEDITATION Waiting and Watching, Hoping and Dreaming

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

ANTHEM Are You Dressed for the Wedding?
Words and music by Joseph A. Martin and David Angerman

OFFERING INVITATION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, accept this money offered, accept our gifts given,
accept the good will of our hearts for those who will receive, so that:

disappointment may be replaced by joy;
worry may be replaced by happiness,
hopelessness may be replaced by a sense of purpose,
rejection may be replaced by acceptance,
and an ordinary meal may become a feast.

Bless all our gifts, for we await with wonder the birth of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

***HYMN** VU 299 Teach Me, God, to Wonder

BENEDICTION

The joys and the hard places of the world await us,
but we have been fed with spiritual food.

We have been encouraged as a faith community;
we have been motivated to serve the powerless;
we have been challenged as those who own the name of Jesus Christ.
We leave with Advent hope in our hearts.

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

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