

Kincardine United Church

Advent 2

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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 Lo, How a Rose Op. 122, No. 8. *Johannes Brahms*

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

Kincardine United Church takes seriously

the commitments made to First Nations 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

MUSICAL INTROIT Prelude in B flat J.C. Kittel

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We arise today through God's strength to uphold us,

People: and God's wisdom to guide us.

Leader: God's eye to look before us,

People: God's ear to hear us.

Leader: God's word to speak for us,

People: God's hand to guard and protect us.

All: Transform us, through your Spirit and empower us to serve you .

Opening Prayer: (responsive) (stand as you are able)

Leader: Come to us, Holy God, as we gather before you;

People: encircle us with your love.

Leader: Bless us with your sustaining presence;

People: surround us with your grace.

Leader: Draw us 'round your living Word,

People: and bind us to one another as disciples of Christ.

Leader: In joy and in trouble, help us, gracious God,

People: to trust your love, to serve your purpose, and to praise your name.

Leader: Wondrous God: you touch our lives with healing and justice;

People: We praise you for the Good News which is ours through Jesus Christ.

All: May this time of worship nourish us with your promise of meaning and purpose. Amen.

ADVENT CANDLE LITURGY

Arise, take courage, and catch a glimpse of peace!

(the second candle is lit)

The warm glow of the Divine lightens our hearts.

We are together, not alone.

In spirit and in community we gather

on this second Sunday in Advent

in solidarity and with courage

to partner for a world full of peace

where all of creation will flourish.

**Our witness is to and for peace.
Peace is real and possible. In solidarity we pray, work, and wait for its blossoming.**

**God-of-peace-and-possibility,
kindle in the hearts of all compassion
and love so that goodness, just deeds,
the common good,
and trust may flourish.**

**Bless and gift all with hope for a future
of peace built on justice for all.
In the name of the Child, the peaceful one.**

HYMN #2 VU Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

WORDS OF HOPE AND HEALING

To all who turn from sin in sorrow, to all who turn to God in hope, this is God's word of grace: our trust in our loving God is filled with hope. This is God's word of grace; we are accepted, we are forgiven, we are loved. This gift we have from God. Thanks be to God.

SHARING TIME The Pizza Order

THE LORD'S PRAYER (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, and the power and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.**

GOD SPEAKS TO US

BIBLE READING Psalm 150 in the Old Testament

HYMN #20 VU On Jordan's Bank

BIBLE READING John 20: 19-31 in the New Testament

DOXOLOGY “Maker in Whom We Live” #321 Voices United (verse 4 only)
**Eternal, Triune God, let all the hosts above,
let all on earth below record and dwell upon your love.
When heaven and earth have fled before your glorious face,
may all the saints your love has made sing everlasting praise.**

MEDITATION “Considering Doubt”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

ANTHEM Will We Know Him? *Words by Don Besig, Music by Nancy Price*

OFFERING INVITATION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**In the name and in the spirit of Jesus, we bring our gifts to you,
O God. Help us to give with them a ready mind, a willing spirit, and a joyful
heart trusting in your love for all of us as your faithful servants. Amen.**

HYMN #28 VU Herald! Sound the Note of Gladness

BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE Festive Postlude *Paul Fey*