

# Kincardine United Church

## 2nd Sunday of Advent

December 8th, 2024 11:00 a.m.

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### **CAROL SING**

### **WELCOME**

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND**

**We acknowledge that we at Kincardine United Church live, work, worship and play on the traditional territories of the Saugeen Ojibway, and the other Indigenous peoples who preceded them. As we celebrate the birth of Jesus once again, we remember everything this birth means for our whole world and all people: hope, peace, joy and love. May we live our lives moving gently in creation, listening, learning and striving to be people of reconciliation.**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE**

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Advent/Christmas/Epiphany 2021-2022, pg. 69.  
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Peace doesn't always mean being quiet.

**We seek to be a people of peace, living from a place of justice, joining our voices with others who want to give birth to a new way of being.**

Peace calls out to us, so that we may help it become a reality.

**God is our peace.**

May we let God reconcile in places of conflict, creating bridges where divisions have grown, sewing all of creation into a new tapestry.

**May peace be found in a manger and throughout the world.**

**VOICES UNITED** #6, A Candle is Burning (verse 1 & 2)

**SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

**INTROIT** Prelude (Op. 15, No. 1) G. Merkel

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Peace, in the midst of war. Peace, in the midst of conflict.

Peace, when everything is going wrong. God offers peace.

**We come seeking God's peace. We come seeking to be made whole. We come seeking to be reconciled. We come from the four winds -seeking God-with-Us.**

Let us pray for Emmanuel, let us pray for the courage to be peaceful, let us pray for that peace that makes no sense to the world.

**OPENING PRAYER**

Anne Anderson, St. David's Trinity U.C., Saskatoon, Sask.

## **MORE VOICES #221 I am Walking a Path of Peace**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

**Creator God, as we experience the season of Advent, let us not practice Christmas for the sake of Christmas but attend to the longing of our hearts.**

**Let us not focus on the despair of the world but look toward the light.**

**Let us not pile on the “I shoulds” but instead throw off that which encumbers and burdens. Let us not mindlessly envision creation as it is and has been but rather as you would have it. Let us not step over or turn our backs on anyone but explore a new vision where all humans are valued and respected equally. God, who comes with the transforming power and gentleness of a baby: we long to experience our world differently. We long to envision the possibilities of your kingdom on earth. We long to live out your calling as your people, Blessed One who blessed us with the ultimate gift, we wait...**

**Hear our prayer, Amen.**

*Tanna Edwards, Bridgnorth U.C., Bridgenorth, Ont.*

### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**May God make you increase and abound in peace for one another and for all people, so that Christ may establish and strengthen your hearts, holy and unblameable, before God. We are a forgiven people. Thanks be to God.**

**SHARING TIME** Itsy Bitsy Christmas written by Max Lucado

## THE 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 our  
 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
 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

VOICES UNITED #29 Hark the Glad Sound

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING Come, Peace, to an Unpeaceful  
 World

Come, peace, to an unpeaceful world!

**Come, peace, to our troubled spirits.**

Come, peace, to our stressed-out bodies.

**Come, peace, to our frantic minds.**

Come, peace, to our ruptured relationships.

**Come, peace, to our struggling social institutions.**

Come, peace, so we can find the goodness in stillness.

**Come, peace, so we can learn patience.**

Come, peace, so we can make the space to grieve our pain.

**Come, peace, so we can respond to injustice with fierce  
 compassionate action.**

Come, peace, and help us accept ourselves as we are in  
 weakness and strength.

**Come, peace, and help us prepare a path for love.**

Amanda Udis-Kessler

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:** Isaiah 9:6-7

**GOSPEL READING:** John 14:27

**HYMN** VU #48 Hark the Herald Angels Sing

**READING** Christmas Bells  
by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

**DOXOLOGY** VU #321 verse 4 Maker in Whom we Live  
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** Peace

**ANTHEM** Zimbabwe Hallelujah Traditional

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**MISSION AND SERVICE STORY**

**OFFERING INVITATION**

Lori Van Santvoort-Jansekovich, Broadway U.C.,  
Thunder Bay, Ont.

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

On this Sunday when the Advent candle of peace flickers  
and dances, may you breathe in us, O Spirit, blessing  
what we offer in our dance with difficult partners, as we  
share your choreography of peace. In our giving may we

**be inspired to follow the Way of Jesus in our living and learning to perceive the image of Christ across divides.  
Amen**

Gord Dunbar, Kincardine P.C., Kincardine, Ont.

**HYMN** VU # 44 It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

**BENEDICTION**

Wanda Winfield, Blenheim, U.C., Blenheim, Ont.

**SONG OF COMMITMENT** VU #37 Gloria

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

**Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia**

**POSTLUDE** The Emperor's Fanfare

A. Soler, arr. E.P. Biggs