

Kincardine United Church
1st Sunday after Christmas
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PRELUDE

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

INTROIT

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

We have gathered to worship God. We have come seeking comfort, inspiration, community and insight. We have come to open ourselves to the power of God's presence in our midst. We have come to offer up the seasons and the turnings in our lives, and to ask God's help in our learning and in our growing.

PRAYER OF APPROACH

God of life, whose love enfolds us, and whose spirit fills us, we praise your holy name. God of joy, when the sunrise wakes us, and the sunset amazes us, we praise your holy name. God of hope, whose promise sustains us, and power upholds us, we praise your holy name. God of love whose patience humbles us, and whose touch can heal us, we praise your holy name. God of peace, who breaks down barriers, and walls that divide us, we praise your holy name. God of eternity, who has always loved us, and by grace has saved us, we praise your holy name.

HYMN VOICES UNITED #35 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives-that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful. We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with condition. We sometimes judge others. We sometimes do not turn to you as the source of healing. Forgive us, we pray and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.

(Silent Prayer)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Let us commit our lives
to Christ's way of hope and peace
Thanks be to God,
who comes among us,
setting us free to love and serve.

SHARING TIME The Sweetest Fig

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 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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Eternal God, your spirit inspired those who wrote the Bible and enlightens us to hear your Word fresh each day, help us to rely on your promises in scripture. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

BIBLE READING OLD TESTAMENT Psalm 1

HYMN VOICES UNITED #38 Angels we Have heard on High

BIBLE READING NEW TESTAMENT Colossians 3:12-17

DOXOLOGY #321 (verse 4) *“Master 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 Walking on the Right Path

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

ANTHEM

OFFERING INVITATION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, receive our gifts today. We pray that through the witness of this congregation there can be seen new life and hope for our community. Amen.

HYMN Voices United # 59 Joy to the World

BENEDICTION

SONG OF COMMITMENT VU #37 “Gloria”

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

POSTLUDE