



Kincardine United Church
Christmas 1
December 29th, 2019 10:30 a.m.

Welcome. You bless us with your presence. If you are a first time worshipper, please sign our guest register at the front entrance of the church. Thank you for turning off your cell phones and for refraining from flash photography. Please join us for coffee and fellowship in the downstairs hall following the service.

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 The Old Year Has Passed Away

J.S. Bach

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

For thousands of years, First Nations people have walked on this land. Their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives and of their spirituality.

We begin our worship this morning by acknowledging the unceded territory of the Saugeen Ojibwe.

We are all Treaty people, parties to Crown Treaty 45 ½ in 1836.

Keep us mindful of the covenants that have been made – and broken – with First Nations peoples.

May we grow into living with respect on this land,
 walking into reconciliation through peace and friendship,
 while honouring all who live, work and worship on it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GOD GATHERS US

INTROIT The Old Year Has Passed Away

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LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

God of love and grace, you call us into your sanctuary as a community of faith
To celebrate the wondrous gifts you pour out upon your people.

We seek to understand and adopt Jesus' lessons of peace and love in our own lives.

We look forward to sharing our faith with one another in word and song,

As we seek together to live into our mission as your church.

Strengthen our faith, grant us courage and resolve, to live in love and peace as a Christian family.

Amen

***VOICES UNITED 395** Come in, Come In and Sit Down

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgiving God, we bring to you all that we are, all that we do, all that we think,
Begging for your understanding and seeking your forgiveness for our shortcomings.

We often fail to trust that you are with us, and sink into hopelessness and despair.

We hurt one another by word, deed and attitude

And justify ourselves with excuses and defiance.

We forget that you know us through and through.

Forgive us now as we confess to you in our hearts our wrongdoings and failures:

(silent prayer)

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

SHARING TIME Seeking Refuge

THE LORD'S PRAYER (say 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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

RESPONSIVE PSALM 148 Voices United page 871

BIBLE READING Hebrews 2: 14-18 New Testament page 219

***VOICES UNITED 77** In Bethlehem a Newborn Boy

GOSPEL READING Matthew 2: 13-23 New Testament page 2

DOXOLOGY VU 541

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures high and low,
Give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

MEDITATION The Great Escape

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

ANTHEM In Thee is Gladness

Dupré

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING PRAYER

**We come in humble gratitude, bringing our meagre gifts to lay before you.
We ask that these offerings may further the work of your church, bringing hope, comfort and sustenance to those in need, here in our midst, in our community, in our country and throughout the world.**

This we ask in the name of your greatest gift of all, Jesus the Christ. Amen

***VOICES UNITED 333** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

***BENEDICTION**

***SONG OF COMMITMENT VU 37** "Gloria"

POSTLUDE In Thee is Gladness

J.S. Bach



AV MINISTRY TEAM 🗣️ Greg Hartwick, Dave Leaning

COUNTERS 💰 Bernd & Ursula Portz

DECEMBER HOUSE LEADERS 🏠 Vacant

MUSIC 🎵 David Hamilton

NURSERY ATTENDANT ♦ Thank you

SCRIPTURE READER 📖 Judy Zarubick

SLIDE PRESENTATION ♦ Sarah MacKenzie

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER ♦ Thank you

WORSHIP 🕊️ Marion Boyd