

# Kincardine United Church Advent 2 December 8th, 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** Carol sing

**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** Come, Redeemer of the World

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#### ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

As we look toward our celebration of the Christ child's birth,

we come bearing our troubles, our worries, our hurts and our hunger.

We hunger for justice, for right relation, for connection and for wholeness.

We come, however, wondering how to satisfy our hunger for good news. In our wondering how to make a difference as people of faith, we hope.

As we listen for the Spirit's whispers of empowerment,

we light this Advent candle of hope which calls us to radical compassion.

(The second Advent Candle is lit.)

(we sing)

God in our struggles, God in our hunger, suffering with us, taking our part,

still you empow'r us, mothering Spirit,

feeding, sustaining, from your own heart. Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.

God always faithful, you do not change.

Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,

God always faithful, you do not change.

In our waiting and in our listening, let us join as one in prayer:

Loving God who brings us hope, open us to new possibilities.

Speak to our hearts that we may speak to the hearts of one another.

Grow our confidence in your vulnerability,

that we may mirror vulnerability as we speak hope into the world. Amen.

**\*VOICES UNITED** 18 There's a Voice in the Wilderness

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**ASSURANCE OF GRACE** 

SHARING TIME Getting Rooted

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father-Mother, who is in the heavens,

may your name be made holy, may your dominion come,

may your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today the bread we need;

and forgive us our debts, as we have forgiven our debtors;

and do not put us to the test, but rescue us from evil.

For yours is the dominion, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

# **GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD**

**BIBLE READING** Isaiah 11:1-10 from the paraphrase *The Message* 

\*VOICES UNITED 36 Angels, from the Realms of Glory

**BIBLE READING** Romans 15:4-13 from the New Testament page 163

DOXOLOGY Bring Many Names #268 Voices United verse 6 only Great, living God, never fully known, joyful darkness far beyond our seeing, closer yet than breathing, everlasting home:

Hail and hosanna, great, living God!

**MEDITATION** Dirt or Soil?

## **GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND**

ANTHEM Will We Know Him? Price/Besig

**COMMUNITY PRAYERS** 

OFFERING INVITATION

**OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)** 

We give to you, O God, our hope-filled gifts for others. Bless each gift that your hope may spread to dispel fear and worry, bridging divides as each blessing fosters wholeness. Amen.

\*VOICES UNITED 424 May the God of Hope Go with Us

\*BENEDICTION

\*SONG OF COMMITMENT Gloria #37 Voices United Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia.

**POSTLUDE** Come, Redeemer of the World

J.S. Bach



AV MINISTRY TEAM 🔹 Stu Mowry, Mary & John Phillips

COUNTERS 5 Ursula & Bernd Portz

**DECEMBER HOUSE LEADERS** Wacant

NURSERY ATTENDANT ◆ Thank you SCRIPTURE READER ☐ Thank you

SLIDE PRESENTATION ◆ Sarah MacKenzie
SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER ◆ Jackie Clements

**WORSHIP** Gord Dunbar