

Kincardine United Church

Advent 3

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Bold print in the bulletin invites you to say the words.

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PRELUDE Prelude in g minor BWV 558 J.S. Bach

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

(Slightly modified from the one used at Saugeen Wesley United Church)

For thousands of years,

First Nations people have lived on this land and by these waters;
this relationship is at the centre of their lives and spirituality.

**We are gathered as a non-Indigenous community of faith
on the traditional territory of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation,
and acknowledge their stewardship through the ages.**

We seek to live together in respect, friendship and peace.

Jesus calls us into the world to love one another as we are loved by God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GOD GATHERS US

MUSICAL INTROIT Dearest Jesus Marcel Dupré

CALL TO WORSHIP Phyllis Fleming, Grace UC, Thornbury

Oh Lord our God, we come to you this day with joy and singing

We praise you as you strengthen us in our weakness

You water the desert places in our lives so that they will blossom like spring flowers

You open our spirits and unstop our senses. We never cease praising you.

In your presence, sorrow and sighing fly away and we discover hope and gladness

As we draw near in this hour of worship, encircle us with your peace, your hope, your joy and your love.

Amen

PRAYER OF APPROACH *Gabrielle Burnstein*

Today we surrender our goals and plans to God's care. We offer up our agendas and accept spiritual guidance. We trust that there is a plan far greater than ours. We know that where there once was lack and limitation there are spiritual solutions and creative ideas. We step back and let love lead the way. May your will be done in the service which we are committed to perform today. Amen.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Arise and celebrate, good news of deep joy is here!

(third candle of advent is lit)

The warm glow of the Divine lightens our hearts.

Here we are together. We are not alone. We gather on this third Sunday in Advent with gratitude and overflowing generosity, blessed multiple times by our give-away God. We are witnesses to joy.

The Joy of Christ is good news, unexpected and surprising in its overflowing.

God-who-lights-up-life give us joyful, generous, and courageous hearts. As we lean on your love may your joy well up in us so that our joy may overflow and flourish, witnessing to a life of constant gratitude, full of grace, cathartic hilarity, and goodness.

*HYMN VU #59 Joy To The World

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

From God's word, we know that God's grace is far more pervasive than we often realize. When we mess up, make mistakes or choose wrongly, God's grace is the divine presence within us that opens our hearts for transformation, that nourishes the soil of understanding, that plants seeds of wisdom and tends the growth of loving kindness in all that we say and do.

Trust God's grace as the path of healing and of new life. Thanks be to God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, in this time when we gather before you,

We pray for healing and peace in our hearts

We pray for compassion for ourselves and each other

There are times we struggle to be faithful.

There are times when we ignore our faults and pay no attention to your call for righteousness

We doubt ourselves and sometimes we doubt you.

O God, we are sorry. Amen

SHARING TIME 24 Good Deeds (an Advent Calendar)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Mystery Lord's Prayer:

God within us, God beyond us, God among us,

may the Mystery always be named and known
among all peoples and in all times.
May Creation give way to the rule of love and the power of life.
Satisfy our hunger, granting us a hunger to see the whole world fed.
Restore us to right relationship
with you, with Creation, with others, with ourselves.
Strengthen us to reject all that would lead us away from you.
Come to us when we choose death over life.
Give us courage to follow your call in this moment.
For in your love we find the only power,
the only home, the only honour we will ever need,
in this life and the life to come. Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

BIBLE READING Luke 1:46-55

***HYMN VU #232** Joyful, Joyful We Adore You

BIBLE READING Isaiah 35:1-10

DOXOLOGY Maker in Whom We Live #321 *Voices United* (verse 4 only)

MEDITATION Where do you find your joy?

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

ANTHEM A Tiny Child Will Come *Words by Don Besig, Music by Nancy Price*

OFFERING INVITATION

DEDICATION OF MEMORIAL GIFTS, POINSETTIAS AND OFFERING (*Judy Zarubick*)

Advent is our time of preparation as we wait for the great self-giving of Jesus –
a gift of vulnerability, of humility, of unconditional love, of transformation.

**The gifts we bring, we offer humbly and unconditionally,
praying they will transform the vulnerability of our shared ministry,
joyful that they make a difference
in our community and in the world.**

Life is a gift.

Faith is a gift out of which to live life abundantly.

Our humble caring for each other enriches the blessings of abundant life.

The Memorial Gifts that have been donated this past year
create a legacy upon which

this and future generations will continue our ministry.

We accept the generosity of those Memorial Gifts

as loving signs of faith alive.

The small poinsettias here will be delivered
to those who are less able to participate regularly
in the life and the ministry of Kincardine United Church.

**We dance with joy that we are not alone –
though physically distanced from one another –
because we trust the Spirit who unites us.**

Let us join together in a prayer of dedication:

**Humble, loving God, who joins us together into one family of faith,
bless these Memorial Gifts and their legacy of faith in the midst of loss,
bless these poinsettias
while blessing those who deliver them
to be servants of your good news.**

Bless those who receive them with relationships that nurture life abundant.

**Out of your blessing, may we continue
to be a blessing for others - in company with
the saints before us – while the vulnerable infant
Jesus leads us with love, with hope, with peace and with joy. Amen**

*HYMN VU# 236 Now Thank We All Our God

BENEDICTION and COMMISSIONING VU 648 “A Prayer for the Journey”

SONG OF COMMITMENT VU #37 “Gloria”

POSTLUDE Fugue in g minor BWV 558 *J.S. Bach*