

St. John's United Church
December 4th, 2022
2nd of Advent
Worship Leader – Rev. Charles Reid

Regular Office Hours

10:00am-12:00pm Tuesday and Thursday

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OPENING HYMN VU # 9 People, Look East

WELCOME

Greetings, welcoming newcomers, announcements, prayer concerns and celebrations.

We are looking for more choir members and musicians if anyone is interested in joining.

PASSING OF THE PEACE (*Please rise*)

Officiate: The peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you.

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE

Come and let us build a new creation to find a way through the wilderness together. Let us imagine how we might turn around and learn from that tiny green shoot of new life.

In the wildness of this moment, we wait for the dawn to break and to give light to all who find the landscape bleak and full of shadow. We need light to guide our feet into the way of peace, and so today we bring one candle to join our Hope in our constant need for PEACE.

Reader 1: with this one light, we pray: O God, we place this light in this holy space as a reminder that we are on this journey together.

Reader 2: Be light along our paths. Lead us to a more just world.

All: Lead us to a more just world, help us to stay awake, and present to your love in each ordinary day. Amen.

All: We now light the candle of PEACE

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This Week: December 4th, 2022

Worship Leader: Rev. Charles Reid

Greeters: Shirley Highberg & Sophie Harasimiuk

Scripture: Kathy Cobler

Fellowship: Helene Severyn

Next Week: December 11th, 2022

Worship Leader: Rev. Charles Reid

Greeters: Olive Martin & Eveline Baker

Scripture: Eveline Baker

Fellowship: Bim Bowers & Janine Hebert

Go Now In Peace

Go now in Peace, never be afraid;
 God will go with you, each hour of everyday.
 Go now in Faith, steadfast, strong and true;
 know he will guide you in all you do.
 Go now in Love, and show you believe,
 reach out to others, so all the world can see.
 God will be there watching from above.
 Go now, in Peace, in Faith and in Love.
 Amen, Amen, Amen.

HYMN # 7 Hope Is a Star (vs. 1&2)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Imagine with us,

A world where God take shoots and buds and use them for large purposes.

We imagine a world,

Where baby cows and baby bears play together in peace and harmony. Where lions and lambs lived together in safety and Peace.

Imagine God's world,

Where God's Holy Mountain provides refuge, peace, and safety.

We come to worship; we come to the mountain

To worship the ONE who takes the tiniest shoot and uses it to signal the peace of God

In the name of Jesus Christ our coming saviour. Amen

Holy one, no matter where we find ourselves, you are there with us. As we prepare to celebrate again the coming of your Christ into our world, we decorate our worship space with signs and symbols of hope. When we hear of tensions and difficulties in our world and in our community, we know that you offer us a new way to live, a way of justice, fairness, kindness and Peace for all people. Amen

HYMN # 44 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

OUR PRAYERS TO OTHERS

Lord let us remember those who are ill, and those who suffer through no fault of their own. May our prayers bring them strength, healing and Hope. Amen

PRAYER LIST

OFFERING HYMN: VU # 55 (vs. 4)

What can I give him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;

If I were a wise man, I would do my part;

Yet what I can I give him – give my heart.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, we offer these gifts to you, remembering to give all we can as the poor widow gave. Amen

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 11: 1-10

Reader: The words of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 72:1-7,18-19

Endow the king with your justice, O God, the royal son with your righteousness.

May he judge your people in righteousness, your afflicted ones with justice..

May the mountains bring prosperity to the people, the hills the fruit of righteousness.

May he defend the afflicted among the people and save the children of the needy; may he crush the oppressor.

May he endure as long as the sun, as long as the moon, through all generations.

May he be like rain falling on a mown field, like showers watering the earth.

In his days may the righteous flourish and prosperity abound till the moon is no more.

Praise be to the Lord God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvelous deeds.

Praise be to his glorious name forever.

**May the whole earth be filled with his glory,
Amen and Amen.**

**In The Name Of The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit.
Amen**

Reader: The words of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Romans 15:4-13

Reader: The words of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel – Matthew 3:1-12

Reader: The words of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

SERMON

WE BELIEVE

We believe that the Lord God of heaven and earth is the creator of all universe. We believe that we are created in the image of God. We believe that he sent his only Son to save us and wash us of our sins, to die for us on the cross. We believe that he was resurrected from the grave on the third day. We believe that he ascended to the throne of heaven. We believe in the Holy Spirit as our guide and comforter. We believe that Jesus the son of God will once again come to rule the world.

We believe because we are God's children and Christians in the Church of Jesus. Amen

HYMN # 38 Angels We Have Heard on High