



Date: December 4, 2022

Advent 2

Theme: Peace

Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. OhWang Kwon

Musician: Linda Osetsky

Audio/Visual: Gayle Tennant

Musical Prelude

Greetings

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Response: And also with you.

Welcome & Announcements (Care & Concerns)

- **Christmas Choir Festival** ~ December 14th (Wednesday) @7:00 pm. We have 6 confirmed choirs!! Stay for lunch and fellowship after. Admission: Foodbank Donation (cash and/or food)
- **Michele will be taking time off** from December 19th – January 3rd ~ if all her ducks stay in a row. If you want your donation to go into 2022, please keep this in mind. Also, Rev. Kwon will be in the church in the mornings if you want to drop off your donations. E-Transfers or mailing (Canada post) is also an option.
- **DON'T FORGET** ~ to place your bid on the "Last Bowl ~ hand turned" from the Stettler United Church Mountain Ash Tree. There is a bit of a bidding war between 2 people.. someone needs to shake them up!!

Acknowledgement of Territory

ALL: We acknowledge that this land on which we gather for worship is the traditional land of the people of treaty 6 & 7 and Metis region 3. We acknowledge that we live on this land as people who have agreed to share the care and use of this land as a result of a treaty that outlined the rights and responsibilities associated with our place in this

land. May we be people who remember this with thanksgiving and respect.

Peter Chynoweth, Cochrane AB

Call to Worship

We await the one who shall come from the shoot of Jesse.

The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him.

We await the one who comes in the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

With righteousness he shall judge those impoverished and decide equitably for those who are oppressed.

We await the one who comes in peace and hope.

Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Wanda Winfield, Blenheim U.C., Blenheim, Ont. [Prayers for Worship 2022-2023 Year A \(Advent, Christmas, Epiphany\). pdf](#)

Advent Candle-Lighting

Once more, we see the second candle of the Advent wreath lit.

It is a sign of peace that shines brightly into our hearts. It is a sign that God is present and that we are once more blessed.

Come let us worship and celebrate!

Jim McKean, while at Severn Shores U.C., Severn, Ont. [Prayers for Worship 2022-2023 Year A \(Advent, Christmas, Epiphany\). pdf](#)

Hymn *Let Us Build a House* MV#1 (Please, stand if you are able.)

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Opening Prayer

ALL: Merciful God, we have gathered in hope, sought peace, and laughed with joy, and now we come to share the great love that you have for us. Be with us in our worship and in our witness this week and every week. Help us to bring your love to the world, especially into broken and forgotten places and to people who feel unlovable and unlovely. It is for this that you came to us in Bethlehem

and for this that you continue to come again this and every year. Amen.

Catherine Tovell, Kilworth U.C., London, Ont. [Prayers for Worship 2022-2023 Year A \(Advent, Christmas, Epiphany\). pdf](#)

Prayers of Confession

ALL: God of prophecies, we are not always comfortable with the messages you send us. Sometimes the changes they require scare us. It is hard to turn around completely. It is easier to listen to messages that cost us less. The world is still a place of pain and turmoil because we have not fully embraced the changes to which your prophets have called us. Help us find the courage to prepare the way for a new heaven and a new earth where all may live in peace and unafraid. Amen.

Jane Doull, St. Andrew's U.C., St. Andrews, N.B. [Prayers for Worship 2022-2023 Year A \(Advent, Christmas, Epiphany\). pdf](#)

Hymn *There's a Voice in the Wilderness* VU#18 (Please, stand if you are able.)

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Prayer of Illumination

ALL: As we name the reality of the situations in the world and in our own lives, O God, we search the scriptures for stories that speak to us and to our context. In the scriptures of the Advent season, we encounter words of comfort and challenge. Help us to find your word and your will for us as we encounter the scriptures this day. Amen.

Beth W Johnston, Bridging Waters P.C., Nipawin, Sask. [Prayers for Worship 2022-2023 Year A \(Advent, Christmas, Epiphany\). pdf](#)

Scripture Reading(s): (Malcolm Fischer)

Isaiah 11:1–10 The peaceable reign of God.

Matthew 3:1–12 John the Baptist preaches.

Remembrance Candle-Lighting

Special Music: Barbara-Lynn and Dave Goodwin

Sharing Stories or Memories of Loved Ones

Message Rev. Dr. OhWang Kwon

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Hymn *Let Us Break Bread Together* VU#480 Verse 1

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Call to Give Thanks

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrate God's Presence: A Book of Services for The United Church of Canada, Etobicoke, Ont. The United Church Publishing House, 2000, 246.

The Great Thanksgiving

ALL: We give you thanks, God of peace and promise.

Through the words of your prophets and the faith of your followers you prepare the way of our redemption and bring hope to birth. And though we often grow weary of waiting, your signs call us to keep watch for that day when all things shall be made new. In assurance of this hope, we join with all the company of heaven and earth to give you praise:

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Sanctus-Benedictus

ALL: Holy, holy, holy God, Power of life and love! Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna through the ages!

Blest is the One who comes to bring your justice to earth!

Celebrate God's Presence: A Book of Services for The United Church of Canada, Etobicoke, Ont. The United Church Publishing House, 2000, 285.

Institution Narrative

One: On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to those who sat with him, saying: "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup, saying: "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Celebrate God's Presence: A Book of Services for The United Church of Canada, Etobicoke, Ont. The United Church Publishing House, 2000, 286.

Prayer of Self-Giving

God of majesty, with reverent hearts we name you also God of self-giving love. We give thanks, blessing above blessing, for Jesus Christ, son of Mary, Word of life.

We remember Jesus, faithful friend and living hope: attesting truth before the powers; seeking the forgotten and abused; setting the prodigal and the righteous at the one feast of forgiveness. We remember Jesus, risen and eternal One, Christ who comes to meet us.

Celebrate God's Presence: A Book of Services for The United Church of Canada, Etobicoke, Ont. The United Church Publishing House, 2000, 290.

Memorial Acclamation

By sharing in this loaf and cup we proclaim Christ's death, celebrate Christ's resurrection, and await Christ's coming again.

Amen. Come, Christ Jesus!

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Epiclesis

ALL: Send your Holy Spirit, O God, on us and what we do, that as we break bread and drink wine, we may be united with Christ, he in us and we in him, that we who are many may be one in him. Make us strong in faith and love, that we may become truly human, as Christ was truly human.

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Doxology

ALL: Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three. Praise now! Praise tomorrow! Praise forever!

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The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray together saying:

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Fraction and Pouring

The body of Christ.

Thanks be to God for the bread of life.

The blood of Christ.

Thanks be to God for the cup of blessing.

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Distribution

Prayer after Communion

ALL: Eternal God, we thank you that you have called your people from east and west, and north and south, to feast at the table of Jesus Christ. Keep us faithful to your will. Go with us to the streets, to our homes, and to our places of labour and leisure - that whether we are gathered or scattered, we may be the servant church of the servant Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Celebrate God's Presence: A Book of Services for The United Church of Canada, Etobicoke, Ont. The United Church Publishing House, 2000, 303.

Invitation for Offering

Offering Hymn *Praise God from Whom All Blessings*
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Offering Prayer

ALL: **Hope-full God, we offer not only financial gifts, but our commitment to serve in your name. We long to use our skills and abilities in ways that glorify you. We seek to share words that tell the Good News. We dedicate to you the fullness of who we are, as we present our offering. Praise be to you, Ever-Gracious God. Amen.**

Laura J. Turnbull, Penticton, B.C. [Prayers for Worship 2022-2023 Year A \(Advent, Christmas, Epiphany\). pdf](#)

Prayers of the Gathered Community

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Commissioning and Benediction (Please, stand if you are able.)

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Postlude