



**Date: January 4, 2026**  
**Second after Christmas**  
**Theme: The Light of the World**

**Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. OhWang Kwon**  
**Musician: Linda Kneeland**  
**Audio/Visual: Holly McKenzie**  
**(\*: Please, stand if you are able.)**

## **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)**

### **Acknowledgement of Territory**

**ALL: God calls us to live with respect and care for all our relations in creation. For thousands of years, Indigenous peoples of this area have tended the earth, and we give thanks for such diligence. We covenant to live and work together, sharing this land in peace and respect as long as the sun shines, the grass grows, and the river flows.**

Peter Chynoweth, Cochrane AB

### **Call to Worship**

Every year, into our shadowed world,

**a light is born.**

Every year, into our complicated lives,

**hope is born,**

Every year,

**the Christ child comes to the world.**

Every year, and this year,

**we celebrate in hope, in gratitude, and in joy.**

Beth W Johnston, Bridging Waters P.C., Nipawin, Sask. Gathering, Advent Christmas Epiphany 2025-2026, 33. Used with Permission.

## **Light the Christ Candle**

### **\*Hymn *Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom* MV#10**

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### **Opening Prayer**

God Incarnate, thank you.

**Setting aside your glory, you took on flesh and came to live among us.**

Thank you for thinking of us.

**Thank you for making yourself known to us.**

Thank you for doing for us what we are unable to do for ourselves.

**Save us.**

Reconcile us to you.

**Give us a new spirit and a new heart.**

You came so that we might have life, life to its fullest.

**Thank you. In the name of Jesus, thank you. Amen.**

Sue Webb, Faith Centennial U.C., Selkirk, Ont. Gathering, Advent Christmas Epiphany 2025-2026, 33. Used with Permission.

### **Prayer of Confession**

**ALL: We feel lost and alone, Holy Parent. We forget that in becoming flesh, you demonstrated the way into a relationship with you. Forgive us for the times that we live in fear, the times when fear governs our actions and colours our words. Forgive us the times that we hate another person. We know that to truly live in you, our hearts can know no hatred. But we are human, Gracious God, as you well know. Lead us into a life of love and help us to let go of the insecurities and judgments that breed**

**hatred. Allow us to be made perfect in your love. For you are love, and to live in love is to live in you. Amen.**

*Words of Assurance*

God sent Jesus, the Word-Made-Flesh, to model life for us—to model love for us.

**God loves us enough to have sent a willing sacrifice for our sins in order to make us whole. We love because God first loved us, and it is beautiful.**

*Tori Mullin, Hampton U.C., Hampton, N.B. Gathering, Advent Christmas Epiphany 2025-2026, 34. Used with Permission.*

### **\*Hymn *God, Whose Almighty Word* VU#313**

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### **Prayer of Illumination**

Breathe on us, Breath of God, and enlighten us with understanding.

**May these words take root and grow within our spirits.  
Amen.**

*Susan Girard, Riverview U.C., Atikokan, Ont. Gathering, Advent Christmas Epiphany 2025-2026, 30. Used with Permission.*

### **Scripture Readings: Linda Kneeland**

**Psalm 147:12-20: God sends God's word to earth.**

**Ephesians 1:3-14: Destined for adoption as God's children.**

**John 1:10-18: The Word became flesh; we have seen his glory.**

### **Hymn *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus* VU#357 (verse 1) (being seated)**

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### **Congregational Theme/Story Time**

### **Message Rev. Dr. OhWang Kwon**

### **\*Hymn *I Am the Light of the World* VU#87**

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## **Invitation for Offering**

### **\*Offering Hymn *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow***

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### **Offering Prayer**

Loving God, you have given us everything we need.

**Indeed, you have shown us the way of humble self-giving through the birth of Jesus in a simple stable.**

Take what we offer as gifts of our hearts for Jesus' mission among us.

**Weave our giving into your tapestry of hope, beautifying the world. Amen.**

*Gord Dunbar, while at Kincardine P.C., Kincardine, Ont. Gathering, Advent Christmas Epiphany 2025-2026, 35. Used with Permission.*

## **Prayers of the Gathered Community**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

### **\*Hymn *Psalm 90: O God, Our Help in Ages Past* VU p.806**

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### **\*Commissioning and Benediction**

### **\*Threefold Amen (Unison) VU#967**

## **Postlude**