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*And when you call for me,
I am already there.*

Words: Lynn Bauman, 2000, music: Linnea Good, 2004

**HYMN - *The First Nowell* (VU 91)
vs 1, 2, 5 & 6**

Words: English traditional carol, ca. 17th century, alt.; Music: English traditional melody, harm. John Stainer 1841, desc. & harm. Healey Willan 926

SUNG BENEDICTION (VU 79, vs. 1 & 4)

*Arise, your light is come!
The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God,
which shines on you today.*

*Arise, your light is come!
The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing;
God's power will make us strong.*

POSTLUDE



**KNOX UNITED CHURCH
January 1st, 2017**

**SECOND SUNDAY
of CHRISTMAS SEASON**

SINGING THE SPIRIT (MV 137)

*Welcome, Jesus, You Are Welcome
Welcome, Jesus, You are welcome
in this world made hard by fear;
loving reach us, living teach us,
Jesus you are welcome here.*



*Welcome, Jesus, You are welcome,
let your loving light appear.
In our seeing, in our being,
Jesus, you are welcome here.*

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CALL TO WORSHIP & GATHERING PRAYER

**LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES
and CHRIST CANDLE**

HYMN - *A Candle is Burning* (VU 6)

Words: Sandra Dean; Music: James R. Murray

GREETING GOD'S PEOPLE

(Children and Youth are invited to stay in the sanctuary)

ANNOUNCEMENTS**HOLY CONVERSATION**

With Christmas behind us, we breathe a sigh of tiredness and say, "Ahh ..." with thankfulness that the hustle and bustle of Christmas has ended. We have welcomed the Christ Child and now we can go back to more familiar ways.

May we remember that Christmas comes every day, that God enters life anew every moment, and that we are called into faithful living all the time. While we rest, may we also plan. May we look ahead to the year that comes, and commit ourselves again to be followers of Jesus' ways, and people of God's Spirit. Amen.

HYMN - *I am the Light of the World* (VU 87)

Words & Music: Jim Strathdee;

**WORDS FROM OUR SCRIPTURES****Hebrew Scriptures Isaiah 63:7-9**

God's favour always

Psalms 148 (VU 871)

God of all creation

Gospel Matthew 2:1-13

Jesus' family flees to Egypt and returns

**REFLECTION****HYMN - *Good Christian Friends Rejoice* (VU 35)**Words: Latin, 14th Century; trans. John Mason Neale; Music: German melody, harm. Gary Alan Smith**MISSION MESSAGE & OFFERING****MUSIC - *In the Bleak Midwinter***

Words a poem by Christina Rossetti, Music by Gustav Holst.

Solo: Phyllis Rugg

COMMUNITY PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER**MUSIC BEFORE PRAYER (MV 96)(sing 2X)**

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I have already answered.*

