

KNOX UNITED CHURCH

December 9th, 2018

Advent II - "Peace" "Christmas Caring Sunday"

Sharing the Gospel of Jesus with all people through worship, service and care.

As we gather for worship today, we acknowledge that the land on which we gather is Treaty 6 territory, the ancestral land of several Indigenous nations, and part of the homeland of the Metis. We respect the sacredness of our shared home and the ground on which we walk, and we are grateful for its stewardship through the centuries.

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SINGING THE SPIRIT (MV 62)



There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing;
there is room for all, sheltered in God's love.
And I rejoice and sing, "My refuge and my rock
in whom I trust,"
There is room for all, there is room for all!

Word and music: Bruce Harding, 2004

CALL TO WORSHIP & GATHERING PRAYER

HYMN - *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* (VU 1)

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES



Prayer: In this time of preparation and planning, we thank God for the hope and peace that comes from the heart of holiness among us and within us. May we be shown the creative power of hope, and be taught the peace that comes from justice. May our hearts be prepared to be transformed by the coming of Jesus once again, so we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.

sing: *Hope Is A Star* (VU 7) (vs. 2)

2 Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth,
giving a promise of safety and worth.

R: When God is a child there's joy in our song.

The last shall be first
and the weak shall be strong,
and none shall be afraid.



ANTHEM *He Shall Feed His Flock*

John Ness Beck (ASCAP)

He shall feed his flock like a shepherd:
he shall gather the lambs with his arm,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently shall lead those that are with
young.

He shall gather the lambs in his arm,
he will shelter them,
and carry them close to his heart;
and gently, so gently, ever so gently,
so gently shall lead those with young.

The Lord is my shepherd,
I shall not want. Amen.

REFLECTION

HYMN - *There's A Voice in the Wilderness*
(VU 18)

MISSION MESSAGE & OFFERING



MUSIC BEFORE PRAYER (MV 85)

Take, O take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart
and live in me.

words: John L. Bell & Graham Maule, music: John L. Bell

BAPTISMS

Weston Derrick Wangler

son of Jasmyn Jones & Derrick Wangler



Caden Norman Milligan

and

Jacob Donald Milligan

sons of Melanie and Michael Milligan

GREETING GOD'S FAMILY



Children and youth may join Sunday
School in the lower church hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY CONVERSATION



The Scripture stories of Christmas
ring in our hearts and touch our spirits.
We want to embrace the stories and
their traditions. Yet we move toward
Christmas hoping to skip an encounter with
John the Baptist. We want the feel-good of
angels and shepherds, not this strange
character and his shouts of "Repent!" We want
Christmas to be comfortable and to be free of
challenge, not to call our living to account.

Even today, we find John among us, reminding us that Christmas is not all about babies and lambs and "O Holy Night." We are called into the hard work of making our lives ready for Jesus.

May we hear the message of John calling us to generosity and new ways of compassion and faithfulness. May we find our way to being ready for Christmas, not just on the outside, but inside our souls, and inside this gathering as a church community. On this Advent journey, may we walk in hope and peace as people of faith. Amen.

HYMN - On Jordan's Bank (VU 20)

WORDS FROM OUR SCRIPTURES



Hebrew Scriptures Malachi 3:1-4

I am sending my messenger

Gospel

sing VU 901

(from Luke 1:68-79)

Zechariah's song

Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

A voice cries in the wilderness

COMMUNITY PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

CAROL OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON - *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* (VU 44)

COMMISSIONING (VU 420) (vs. 2)

Go to the world! Go into every place.

Go live the Word of God's redeeming grace.

Go seek God's presence in each time and space.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah

words: Sylvia Dunstan, music: Ralph Vaughan Williams

POSTLUDE



LECTIONARY READINGS



Dec. 16 - Advent 3

Zephaniah 3:14-20 Sing out! I will bring you home
Isaiah 12:2-6 God is my strength and my song
Philippians 4:4-7 Rejoice in God always!
Luke 3:7-18 The axe is at the root



AFTER WORSHIP COFFEE SERVICE

Dec. 9: Group 9

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Wayne Tillotson
Donna Birkmaier-
Tillotson
Brenda Turta &
Reg Currie
Pearl Wood
Darlene & Ray
Wachter

Dec. 16: Group 1

Kathy Alexander
Laura Armer
Mary Ann Bailey
Barbara Baillod
Dianne Barrett
Nellie Behersky
Sue Brooks
Cynthia Cole-Hynes

Dec. 23: Group 2

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