

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Interim Minister: Rev. Dr. Mark Chiang

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023

Duty Elder: Harold Magnus **Service Leader: Loretta Clague**
Musician: Sheryl Cale, Rosemary Brown
Scripture Reader: Shirley Tessmer

*When this symbol appears please stand if you are able

Musical Prelude – Time for Quiet Meditation

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME: *Video*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE (see insert)

PRAYER OF ADORATION

***HYMN # 136:** *The first noel*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy,
We confess that we resist change,
even when your Word compels us
to reconsider our actions or opinions.
We are set in our ways,
and prefer to consider the changes others should make.
Forgive us.

By the power of your Holy Spirit,
give us new eyes for seeing, new ears for hearing
so that we follow Jesus more faithfully day by day.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART: *Video*

***HYMN # 150:** *Jesus our brother (6 verses)*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING:

SCRIPTURE: **Isaiah 40: 1-11** (pg 666)
Mark 1: 1-8

ANTHEM: *What shall we give him*

MEDITATION: *Video*

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

***HYMN # 122:** *O come, o come Emmanuel*

WE GIVE TO GOD'S WORK

***PRAISE RESPONSE #830:** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***PRAYER FOR OURSELVES & OTHERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

***CLOSING HYMN #119:** *Star of hope (vs 1&2)*

***Commissioning and BENEDICTION:** *Video*

***SUNG BENEDICTION:** *Go now in Peace*

Birthday greetings this week go out to Kay Anderson

Christmas Service: December 24 @ 7 PM. There will be no regular Sunday service on December 24 or on Christmas Day.

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Second Sunday in Advent

PEACE

Voice 1: The prophets call and the apostle writes that peace comes from God.

Voice 2: “For a child has been born for us...and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace...and there shall be endless peace.” (Isaiah 9)

“The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4)

Voice 1: The world, our relationships and our lives are all too often torn by conflict and injustice. Advent calls us to pray and work for peace—shalom—in the world God loves and to which Christ came. But God’s shalom is not simply the absence of conflict. Shalom is the peace that comes when we live life in the balance, loving God and one another.

Voice 2: Holy are you, Source of all new life among us.

All: Jesus Christ comes as the Prince of Peace.

Voice 2: We join with all creation and lift our hearts in joyful praise.

All: We light this candle to shine for peace.
(while lighting the candle of peace)

“This assistance has provided me relief”

In Pakistan, Hafiza Bibi, a single mother of four, suffered the loss of her husband and daughter and saw her home crumble before her eyes during a devastating monsoon season.

Hafiza’s husband had worked as a farmer labourer, while Hafiza stayed at home, caring for her four children. “Our relatives would sometimes help us by giving wheat or money as charity. However, after the floods, everyone suffered badly, and no one we know was able to help,” she explains.

Hafiza and her family were selected to participate in a food assistance project supported by PWS&D through our local partner Community World Service Asia, with support from Canadian Foodgrains Bank. “I bought essential food items such as wheat flour, rice, sugar, tea, milk and vegetables. This assistance has provided me with some relief and allowed me to put food on the table for my children,” she shares, with peace of mind.

This Advent season, faithfully respond to Christ’s call to provide comfort by ensuring families have the necessary resources to sustain their lives.

This Advent season, faithfully respond to Christ’s call to show our faith and bring hope to those in need.

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