

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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December 5th, 2021 11 am
ADVENT II: PEACE: Hearing Anew The Old, Old Story
WHITE GIFT SUNDAY & THE MITTEN TREE

Welcome and thank you for joining in our worship this sacred morning! We hope you feel at home in our midst. Let us pause to remember that in this region we live and work and worship on lands that are, by law, the unceded territories of the Wabanaki peoples—predominantly the lands of the Mi'kmaq, Wolastoqiyik and Passamaquoddy. May we live with respect on this land, and live in peace and friendship with its people. Grace and peace to you all!

Thought for Meditation

In a world where faith is often construed as a way of thinking, bodily practices like making and sharing food or knitting a pair of mittens for someone you will never meet, remind the willing that faith is a way of living.

Barbara Brown Taylor

THE GATHERING

*Please rise in body or in spirit for sections marked with an asterisk.

*THE WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

Leader: Let us worship together!

ADVENT CANDLE LITURGY:

Voice 1: From light comes life.

All: Deep in expectant earth, a seed stretches.

Voice 2: Through the fire-start of imagination,

All: an idea takes root.

Voice 1: And Love glows within.

Voice 2: Safe in the womb,

All: a child senses its season turning, and stirs.

Voice 1: It is Advent, something coming: vulnerable, powerful,

Voice 2: God, unquenchable light.

All: May they grow – the seed, the love, the idea, the child.

Voice 1: In the settle and stir of a sunrise,

Voce 2: in the laughter around a table full of friends,

Voice 1: in the flash of insight that leads us towards wisdom,

Voice 2: we find what passes all understanding:

ALL: PEACE

(Light second blue candle)

Voice 1: We light a candle for peace and pray for the courage to embrace it.

All Sing: Hope Is A Star (#7 VU verse 2)

Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth,

Giving a promise of safety and worth.

When God is a child there is joy in our song,

The last shall be first, and the weak shall be strong,

And none shall be afraid.

Voice 2: In this second week of Advent, as the waiting and expectation heighten, deepen our desire for peace.

Voice 1: Like the wise called to journey in those early dawning days, may we strive to live in one accord.

All: May this candle of peace light the way.

Voice 1: And hear us now as we pray 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.

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil,

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,

For ever and ever. Amen.

***HYMN # 44 VU It Came Upon A Midnight Clear**

PRESENTATION OF WHITE GIFTS & MITTEN TREE

ANTHEM: *Look Toward Christmas* ~ David Ward, Dorothy Webster, Sharon Noel, Lynda-Jean Coffin [Klusmeier/Murray]

T H E W O R D O F G O D

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 1: 18-25

***HYMN #47 VU Still, Still, Still**

SERMON: *Joseph Dreams A New Shalom*

SOLO: Moon Joyce: Medley: *Somewhere Over The Rainbow/What A Wonderful World*

T H E R E S P O N S E

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN #69 VU Away In A Manger**

***BENEDICTION**

*** CHORAL BLESSING: (#64 VU verse 4)**

**O Holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell,
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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If you know of someone in hospital please notify the Church. Please forward items of prayer and celebration to the Minister. For emergencies, you may call Rev. Dr. Kelly Burke at 470-9634.

Greeters This Week: Tina Glenn and Kaye Lister
Tellers This Week: Merlin Tracy and Tina Glenn
Trustees On Duty (Dec): David Ward

LOOKING AHEAD:

Sun., Dec. 12th - 11:00 am - Advent III – Joy

Sun., Dec. 19th - 11:00 am - Advent IV – Love

Fri., Dec. 24th - *7:00 pm - Christmas Eve Family Service

10:00 pm - Service of Candlelight & Communion

(*Please pre-register for the 7pm Christmas Eve service so we can ensure a happy and safe time! Call 459-3313 or 470-9634 and tell us how many in your group.)

It's that time of year our **MITTEN TREE** is now in place and ready to receive any knitted items you would like to contribute. By Christmas, these items will be distributed to wherever the need exists.

The December issue of the **United Church** magazine '**Broadview**' is available in the library area for borrowing.

The 2022 United Church calendars have arrived and are being sold by the UCW for \$8. See Lorna Ball or call the church office 459-3313. There are only 2 left!

BULLETIN DEDICATION - Anyone wishing to sponsor a Sunday bulletin to celebrate a family event, special day, or memorial can do so by contacting the Church secretary at 459-3313. The cost is \$20.

Just a reminder that there is a **GREETER SIGN-UP SHEET** posted at the back door. If you would like to volunteer to be a greeter some Sunday morning, kindly fill in your name by that particular Sunday! Thanks!

The 2022 Church Envelopes have arrived and are on the table in the upper foyer for you to pick up. Only those who use their envelopes regularly have been issued new ones this year. In an effort to reduce our costs, those using PAR will not receive 2022 envelopes. However, they will keep their same envelope number as in 2021. If you are interested in obtaining church envelopes, or if you have any questions, please contact Sue Morrison (458 8150). Your offerings continue to sustain the operation of this church and are greatly appreciated. The Committee of Stewards.