NewSt. James Presbyterian hurch

The Presbyterian Church in Canada "Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others" Sunday, November 29, 2020 – 10:30 am



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Leading in Worship Today

Minister: The Rev. Dr. David Clark Director of Music: Torin W. Chiles Reader: Nawton Chiles Advent Candle and Announcements: Steve Harris

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude

Welcome and Silent Reflection

- Call to Worship in Unison Isaiah 52:8 and Luke 21:28
 Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
 together they sing for joy;
 for in plain sight they see
 the return of the LORD to Zion.
 Stand up and raise your heads,
 because your redemption is drawing near.
- * **Opening Hymn** Lo! Christ comes with clouds (HELMSLEY) **I20**

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Words of Assurance

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We Hear the Word of God			
Children's Hymn Hope is a star (MOON BEAMS)			
Word to the Children			
Lighting of the Advent Candle: Hope	PWS&D Liturgy	(see insert)	
Prayer for Illumination			
Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 64:1-9		p. 694 in O.T.	
Psalm in Unison Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead J You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, sl before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. So Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that w O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be ar You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure. You make us the scorn of our neighbors; our of Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine But let your hand be upon the one at your right the one whom you made strong for yourself. Then we will never turn back from you; give us Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face	oseph like a flock! hine forth tir up your might, and cor e may be saved. ngry with your people's pr enemies laugh among ther e, that we may be saved. ht hand, s life, and we will call on y	rayers? mselves. your name.	

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Epistle Lesson I Corinthians 1:3-9 This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.		p. 166 in N.T.
Sermon	"As You Wait for the Revealing"	The Rev. Dr. David Clark
	We Respond in Faith and Ser	vice
Hymn	Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding (MERTON)	116
Offering a	nd Offertory	
"Áll and goo	for Advent (WINCHESTER OLD) glory be to God on high, to the earth be peace; d will henceforth from heaven to earth n, and never cease!"	138, verse 6
Prayer of	Dedication	
Announce	ements	
-	f Thanksgiving and Intercession, ord's Prayer	
Hymn	Hail to the Lord's Anointed (ST. THEODULPH)) 115

* Commission and Benediction

Postlude



* Please stand, if able.

First Sunday in Advent Hope



Written by the Rev. Kristine O'Brien (Director of Crieff Hills)

- L: The season of Advent begins, and we celebrate the hope we find in the good news of the Gospel.
- P: Through the birth of a tiny and helpless child, God comes to save the world.
- L: While we watch and wait for Jesus, we join God's mission by bringing grace and mercy to those who need it most.
- P: We engage the poor and the poor in spirit, letting Christ's light shine through us.
- L: We speak words of comfort and love to a world in need of hope and healing as we share our stories of God's transforming Spirit.
- P: Together, we are a sign of God's hope for the world.

(The candle is lit)

- L: Let us pray:
- P: God of surprising grace, when we least expect it you bring fresh new life; and where we feel that all is lost, you bring redemption. Give us courage as we share all you have done, all you are doing, and all you will accomplish through Jesus Christ. Amen.





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There is no question how important sexual reproductive health awareness is to help create healthy communities.

In Malawi, topics such as sexually transmitted diseases and other reproductive health questions are often considered taboo.

Thokozani, Peter and Mafuno are peer educators who are challenging the stigma surrounding reproductive health by teaching youth about family planning, preventing teenage pregnancy, HIV testing and accessing contraceptives.

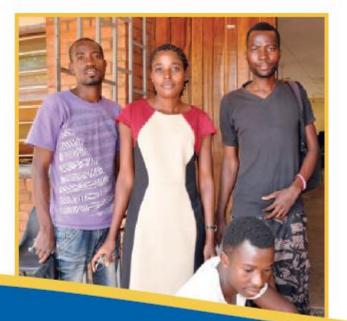
Thokozani, Peter and Mafuno have begun see the impact of their work.

"The participants want to start engaging in better and healthier behaviour," Peter reports. "They are now getting tested and treated for sexually transmitted diseases."

The three educators also realize their roles are much bigger than just teaching, "we are role models to these people," Mafuno shares proudly.

This Advent season help us support community volunteers as they educate and empower young people on important health issues.

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