

New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Canada

“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”

Sunday, December 5, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Minister: The Rev. Dr. David Clark

Director of Music: Torin W. Chiles

Soloist: Ariel Harwood-Jones

Reader: Frank Walsh

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude *Wake, Oh Wake a Voice Is Crying (Wachet Auf)*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Welcome and Silent Reflection

* **Call to Worship** Isaiah 40:3, 5

A voice cries out:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together.”

* **Hymn** Herald! Sound the note of judgement (UNSER HERRSCHER)

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Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Word of Assurance

We Hear the Word of God

* **Children’s Hymn** There’s a voice in the wilderness crying (ASCENSION)

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Word to the Children

Lighting of the Advent Candle: Peace

PWS&D Liturgy (see insert)

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson Malachi 3:1-4

p. 889 in O.T.

The Song of Zechariah Luke 1:68-79

“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has looked favourably on his people and redeemed them.
He has raised up a mighty saviour for us in the house of his servant David,
as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,
that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.
Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant,
the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us
that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear,
in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.
And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,
to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins.
By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,
to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

* **Gloria Patri**

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

Gospel Lesson

Luke 3:1-6

p. 60 in N.T.

Sermon

“Prepare the Way of the Lord”

The Rev. Dr. David Clark

We Respond in Faith and Service

Solo

Prepare the Way of the Lord

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Ariel Harwood-Jones, soprano

A voice cries out, “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up and every mountain made low.” The glory of the Lord shall be revealed; all people shall see it together. The mouth of the Lord has spoken it: “the glory of the Lord shall be revealed!” *A voice cries out...* Comfort, comfort my people; proclaim the promise of the Lord: His name shall be called Emmanuel. *A voice cries out...*

Announcements

**Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession, Commemoration,
and the Lord’s Prayer**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

* **Hymn** On Jordan’s bank (WINCHESTER NEW)

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* **Commission and Benediction**

Postlude *Wake, Oh Wake a Voice Is Crying (Wachet Auf)*

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Second Sunday in Advent

Peace

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L: Peace is the light that sheds understanding.

P: Peace is the promise of God.

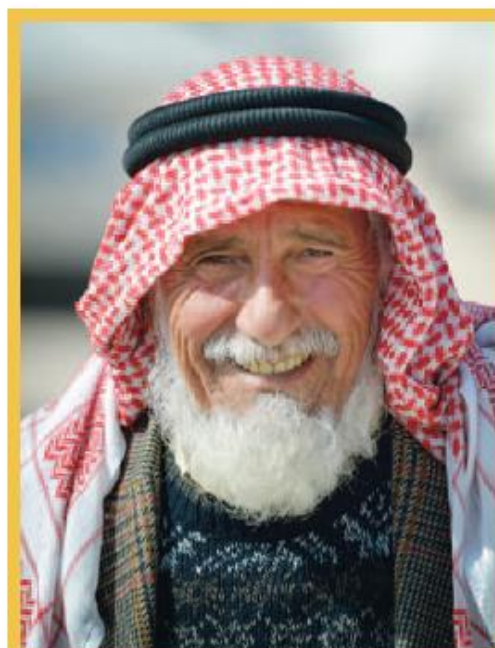
L: Peace is found when God's order and justice are brought to the world.

P: We await the birth of the Prince of Peace.

(The candle is lit.)

L: Let us pray:

P: Source of light,
shine in our lives
and in your world with
your everlasting peace.
Through Jesus Christ
our Lord we pray. Amen.



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Food Baskets Provide Assurance

Conflict is on the rise around the world. In places like Syria, Yemen or Ethiopia, these rates are only worsened by climate change and COVID-19. The United Nations estimates that over 88 million people are experiencing hunger due to conflict and instability.

It's been over 10 years since millions of Syrians were forced from their homes due to ongoing civil conflict. Almost six million have sought refuge in neighbouring countries and another 6.7 million are displaced internally in Syria.

Every day is filled with uncertainty.

PWS&D is responding to help alleviate some of these uncertainties by providing 6,000 families with food baskets.

The food baskets provide internally displaced Syrians and their host communities with essential and nutritious foods. Families are able to ensure that their households are fed and food is on the table.

This Advent season help those displaced by conflict strengthen their hearts and bodies on the journey to find peace and security.

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