

**KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BAYFIELD**

**ADVENT 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY DECEMBER 5, 2021 11 AM**

**WE GATHER<sup>1</sup>**

**PRELUDE** *a time of quiet reflection*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The grace of Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**HYMN** **Hope is a star** **#119**

**CALL TO WORSHIP: Second Sunday in Advent: PEACE**

**PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**SHARING THE PEACE**

May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

**TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**READERS:** Lois K, Judith R

**SCRIPTURE**

HEBREW BIBLE **Malachi 3:1-4** **[B#889/W#995]<sup>2</sup>**

EPISTLE **Philippians 1:3-11** **[B#196/W#209]**

GOSPEL **Luke 1:68-79** **[B#56/W#59]**

GOSPEL **Luke 3:1-6** **[B#60/W#61]**

May God bless our understanding of this, God's holy word.

**The word of the Lord.**

**HYMN** **Breathe on me, breath of God #389**

**MESSAGE** **שלום Shalom**

**SPECIAL MUSIC Christmas Pastorate Piano/Organ Duet**  
Charles Demorest, arranged by Rob Roy Peery  
performed by Ruth George & Jean Walker

**TO RESPOND IN FAITH**

**THE OFFERING OF OUR LIFE AND LABOUR TO GOD**

**QUOTE** Stewardship, like faith, must be woven into the fabric of our lives. Gregory Coulter, Philosophy professor

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, BLESSING OF GIFTS**

**HYMN** **Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel #122**

**TO GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME**

**COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** **Let there be peace on earth**  
Lyrics included in bulletin

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<sup>1</sup> Resources include: PCC Worship Planner, Feasting on the Word: Preaching the Revised Common Lectionary and Companion, <https://www.workingpreacher.org/>

<sup>2</sup> Page #'s for pew bibles with Blue or White edged pages

### **Morning Prayer** Luke 1:68, 78-79

Blessed are you, God. By your tender mercy the dawn breaks upon us. Guide my feet this day in paths of peace; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **Evening Prayer** Luke 1:68, 79

Blessed are you, God. You have smiled on me this day and freed me from sin. Give light to all who wait in darkness until we rest with you in perfect peace; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **Daily Prayer**

Covenant God, you send us messengers to cleanse and refine us for your coming. Help us endure the mirror of the prophets' message, that we may see you when you suddenly appear among us; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Remember to set time aside to be with the Presbytery of Huron-Perth **visitation team** at **11 am on Sat Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>**.



**Winter hats, mitts & gloves, scarves, and socks** will be collected until December 12<sup>th</sup>.

Donated items will go to local agencies for distribution to those in need.

Your contributions to the ongoing work of the church are appreciated. The November **financial reports** show income \$5,126 and expenses \$6,878 with a year-to-date deficit of \$12,774.

**Share your voice!** Contact Rev Lisa with your choice of one or several of the following readings: *Weekly Call to Worship* (includes lighting an advent candle.)

**Dec 12:** Zephaniah 3:14-20, Isaiah 12:2-6, Philippians 4:4-7, Luke 3:7-18

**Dec 19:** Micah 5:2-5a, Psalm 80:1-7, Hebrews 10:5-10, Luke 1:39-55

### **Questions for Reflection**

The prophet Malachi says that God is "like a refiner's fire and like fuller's soap" Malachi 3:2. Reflect on events of the past year. How has God been working to refine and purify your life or your community of faith?

Paul wrote to the church at Philippi, "I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now" Philippians 1:3-5. Think about people in your life for whom you give thanks, who have been in your prayers, and who have brought good news and joy to you this year. Consider writing them a letter or card to express your gratitude.

### **Let there be peace on earth\***

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me; let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God our creator we are family, let us walk with each other in perfect harmony\*. Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now; with every step I take, let this be my solemn vow: to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

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## Presbyterian World Service & Development

### SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT: PEACE

**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 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.

*\*With Canadian Foodgrains Bank, funds contributed to PWS&D for food assistance are multiplied up to four times with the support of the Government of Canada.*

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