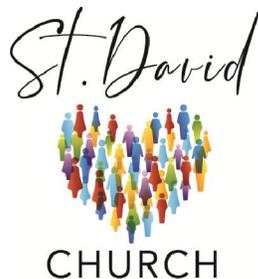


## NEWS AND EVENTS

- MON DEC 07** Quilting – 9:30 am to noon  
**TUE DEC 08** Staff Meeting – 9:30 am  
**WED DEC 09** Devotions via zoom – 10 am  
Council Meeting – 7:15 pm  
**THU DEC 10** Advent 3 – we wait with Joy for the coming of the Messiah  
Communion Service – 7 pm  
**SUN DEC 13** Advent 3 – we wait with Joy for the coming of the Messiah  
Communion Service – 10 am

### THE GIFT OF CLEAN WATER – ADVENT CONSPIRACY

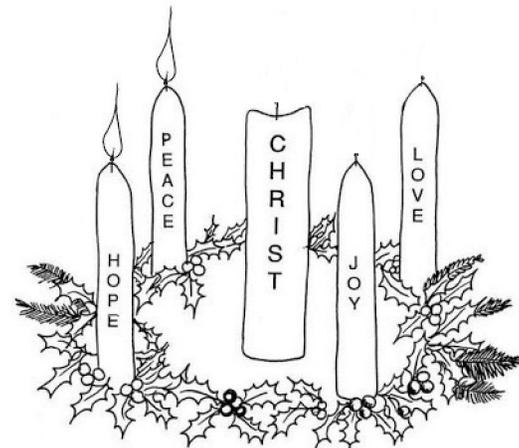
Give the gift of clean water to an Indigenous community in Canada by giving a living Christmas gift to a loved one, in memory of a loved one, or to the glory of God. Gift cards are available on the table next to the offering plate. We can also email the card template for you to print at home. And, for those who have a bulletin delivered, we can also include a card. If you need a card or cards sent to you, please phone the church and leave a message with your name, email address (or home address) and the number of cards you need. Your donation can be included in your envelope or e-transfer, designated PWRDF – Water Project. Unfortunately, due to our COVID restrictions we are unable to provide water droplets for you to sign and put on our Christmas tree, however each donation to the Water Project will be acknowledged by the placing of a water droplet on the tree by Pastor Lori during the singing of the sending hymn.



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# SEASON OF ADVENT

## ADVENT 2 - PEACE



December 06, 2020

*May you find peace and comfort in this place.*

*Let the hearts of those  
who seek the Lord rejoice*

*Psalm 105:3.*

*Journeying together to grow in faith  
and serve God's world.*

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Honourary Assistant:  
Youth & Child Ministry Coordinator:  
Music Director:

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John calls people to repent, to clear the decks, to completely reorder their lives so that nothing gets in the Way of the Lord's coming. The reading from Isaiah gives the context for this radical call: the assurance of forgiveness that encourages us to repent; the promise that the coming one will be gentle with the little ones. Isaiah calls us all to be heralds with John, to lift up our voices fearlessly and say, "See, your God is coming!" We say it to one another in worship, in order to say it with our lives in a world in need of justice and peace.

### GATHERING

Presider: God of time and God of eternity.

**People: For you we wait.**

Presider: God of outer space and God closer than we can imagine.

**People: For you we wait.**

Presider: God of the roaring noise of the world and God of silence

**People: For you we wait.**

Presider: In our homes, classrooms, factories, offices and fields

**People: For you we wait.**

Presider: In this place and in this time

**People: For you we wait.**

Hymn 88 (blue) Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ....you all

**People: And also with you.**

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Presider: We light one candle for peace. Because the world is broken and the wait is long, but we refuse to be frozen by fear. Peace comes in fits and starts, a deep breath, a courageous truth, a humble heart. "Prepare the way," she whispers, "for the Lord comes to make the broken whole."

**People: So we light one candle, because it only takes one Christ with us. Amen.**

Hymn 7 (vu) Peace is a Star

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

## REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS

### **ISAIAH 40: 1-11**

In grand, flowing, poetic lines, the prophet announces that the exile of God's people in Babylon is over. God will deliver Israel and will care for her as a shepherd cares for the sheep. This word can be trusted, because the only enduring reality in life is the word of God.

### **PSALM 85: 1-2, 8-13**

Righteousness shall prepare a pathway for God. (Ps 85: 13)

### **2 Peter 3: 8-15a**

This short letter deals with pressing concerns regarding the final advent of Jesus, especially concerns that could arise over its apparent delay. The author of the letter calls on Christians to anticipate the promised coming of the Lord through conduct dedicated to God.

### **MARK 1: 1-8**

The Gospel of Mark does not begin with a story of Jesus' birth but with the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord..

### READINGS

#### Sunday Dec 06/20

Isaiah 40: 1-11  
Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13  
2 Peter 3: 8-15a  
Mark 1: 1-8

#### Sunday Dec 13/20

Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11  
Psalm 126  
1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24  
John 1: 6-8, 19-28

### DONATE

Donations to St. David can be made on line at:

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## Second Sunday of Advent ~ We light the candle of Peace

When I think of peace, the song, Let There Be Peace on Earth immediately comes to my mind. A folk style from the 1950's written by Jill Jackson with music by Sy Miller. In an archival interview aired on David Freudberg's National Public Radio program Humankind, Jill Jackson talked about her background and the context of the song.

"When I attempted suicide [in 1944] and I didn't succeed," she said, "I knew for the first time unconditional love—which God is. You are totally loved, totally accepted, just the way you are. In that moment I was not allowed to die, and something happened to me, which is very difficult to explain. I had an eternal moment of truth, in which I knew I was loved, and I knew I was here for a purpose."

This realization was followed by years of exploring her spiritual nature and her relationship with God. Jackson discovered her love for writing, and began writing songs with Sy Miller after they married in 1949.

In 1955, she wrote the lyrics for "Let There Be Peace on Earth" while her husband wrote the melody. The song was introduced at a California retreat to a group of young people who were from a wide variety of religious, ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds. The song's focus on peace and God made it easy to cross many boundaries.

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, family all are we.  
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 with peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

in peace and love ...  
Pastor Lori +

## STORY

Reading Isaiah 40: 1-11

Acclamation Hymn 34 (vu) Come Now O God of Peace

Presider: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according Mark

**People: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Mark 1: 1-8

Presider: The Gospel of Christ

**People: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Acclamation Hymn 34 (vu) Come Now O God of Peace

## RESPONDING

Homily: Pastor Lori

Hymn of the Day 264 (red) Prepare the Royal Highway

## CONFESSION

Leader: Blessed be God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit  
whose forgiveness is sure and whose steadfast  
love endures forever.

**People: Amen.**

Leader: Together let us honestly and humbly confess that  
we have not lived as God desires. [pause]

Loving and forgiving God,

**People: we confess that we are held captive by sin. In spite of our best efforts, we have gone astray. We have not welcomed the stranger; we have not loved our neighbour; we have not been Christ to one another. Restore us, O God. Wake us up and turn us from our sin. Renew us each day in the light of Christ. Amen.**

Presider: People of God, hear this glad news: by God's  
endless grace your sins are forgiven, and you are  
free – free from all that holds you back and free to  
live in the peaceable realm of God. May you be  
strengthened in God's love, † comforted by Christ's  
peace, and accompanied with the power of the  
Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**RESPONSE:** We pray to you.

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

### OFFERTORY

Hymn 250 (red): Blessed Be the God of Israel

Leader: Prayer over the Gifts

### BLESS AND BREAK

Presider: We thank You, Lord God,

**People: For breaking into our world, our lives and our experience.**

Presider: We thank You, O Christ,

**People: For this meal of remembering, and the stories of love and grace that it tells.**

Presider: We thank You, O Spirit,

**People: For Your Presence and Your challenge for us to become agents of God's compassion.**

Presider: In this moment of worship we embrace Your presence again, O God.

**People: And we offer You our love.**

Presider: In this moment of prayer we proclaim again Your dream for the world, O Saviour,

**People: And we offer You our resources.**

Presider: In this moment of giving we hear Your people again, O Lord,

**People: And we offer You ourselves.**

Presider: Use us – People that we have and People that we are to touch the world with the message of Advent:

**People: God is love. God is with us. God will never leave us.**

Presider: So we remember Jesus' birth.....

So we eat, and we drink, and we remember:

**People: With hope and joy in the new life which comes here and now in God's kingdom.**

Presider: God of Grace, come to us.....a single, unified body.

**People: Amen**

Presider: And now as Jesus has taught us, let us pray saying:

**People: 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.**

### SHARING

Presider: Come now in peace to Emmanuel's table.

**People: Let us feast at the banquet that gives us peace.**

Presider: This is the table at which God is host and all are welcome guests. The gifts of God for the whole people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God**

### COMMUNION HYMN

Hymn 487 (red) What Feast of Love

Presider: Prayer after Communion

**People: Amen. Glory to God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, forever and ever. Amen.**

### BLESSING

### NEWS AND EVENTS

### SENDING

Hymn 439 (red) Soon and Very Soon

### SHARING OF THE PEACE

Presider: Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Presider: Be safe, love one another, and have a holy Sabbath. See you next week.