

~ 2nd Sunday after Christmas | January 3, 2021 ~

Guest Minister: Rev. Gabrielle Suedfeld | Musician: Dianne Nichols

We Gather

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle (Candle lighter: Chung Hyeon)

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn: ✱ VU 84 – O Radian Christ, Incarnate Word (vs. 1,4)

① **O radiant Christ, incarnate Word,
eternal love revealed in time:
come, make your home within our hearts,
that we may dwell in light sublime.**

④ **O Light of Nations, fill the earth;
our faith and hope and love renew.
Come, lead the peoples to your peace,
as stars once led the way to you.**

The Passing of the Peace

May the Peace of Christ be with you. / And also with you.

* **Korean: Christo-ui pyoung-hwa-ga dahng-sin-gwa hahm-keh ha-shi-girul.**
(그리스도의 평화가 당신과 함께 하시기를)

Sharing the Peace (in breakout groups)

What is one joy and challenge in your life right now?

Gathering Time

Hymn: ✱ MV 33 – Jesus Came Brining Us Light

**Jesus came bringing us light,
Jesus came bringing us light,
Jesus came bringing us light,
hallelujah forever more!**

We Hear Good News

Scripture Reading in Korean: **Genesis 1:1-5 / John 1:1-9, 14a, 16**

(Reader: Gahyeong K.)

Scripture Reading:

Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

John 1:1-9, 14a, 16

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

*And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory. From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.
(This is a story of our faith. / **Thanks be to God.**)*

Sermon: *In the Beginning*

Time for Silence

*Hymn: ✱ VU 322 – O God, Whose First Creative Word

- ① **O God, whose first creative word
set universes into place,
who stretched across the whirling void
infinities of time and space;
O speak to our chaotic day a word of ordered grace, we pray.**
- ② **O Christ who came, the living word,
proclaiming love's redeeming power,
who drained the tempter's bitter cup
and triumphed in earth's darkest hour;
O speak to our despair and pain a word that kindles hope again.**
- ③ **O Spirit, ever-present word,
God's agent of transforming grace,
who seeks to enter every heart
with light its darkness to replace;
O speak within the hearts we raise a joyful word of faith and praise.**

We Respond

Offering / Offering Prayer

*Sung Response: * VU 538 – For the Gift of Creation
**For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,
and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,
we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

**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: * VU 79 – Arise, Your Light Is Come

- ① **Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.**
- ② **Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.**
- ③ **Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,
bind up the broken-hearted ones and comfort those who mourn.**
- ④ **Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.**

Commissioning and Benediction

*Sending Song: * VU 424 – May the God of Hope Go with Us (vs. 1)

**May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace, singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

Postlude

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Announcements for January 3, 2020



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A WEEK AT A GLANCE:

**Sun, Jan 3: Second Sunday after Christmas – 10:30 am (on Zoom)
- Guest Preacher: Rev. Gabrielle Suedfeld**

Sun, Jan 10: Epiphany Sunday (Rev Lori's last service with us)

< Mission Statement >

*To thrive in faith through relationship with God,
one another and the community.
To serve others as Jesus would.*

We would like to warmly welcome **Rev. Gabrielle Suedfeld**,
who will be leading worship this Sunday morning on Zoom!

† ALL SERVICES ARE ONLINE

Due to the restrictions from BC Health Authority to prevent the spread of COVID-19, we continue to worship online on Zoom until further notice. Please read the emails from the church on Fridays or check our website for updates. If you know someone who wishes to be on our email list, please contact the Church office.

† HAZELMERE UNITED DISENGAGING FROM PASTORAL CHARGE

At the congregation meeting of the Hazelmere United Church on December 20, 2020, a motion was passed to disengage from the Cloverdale Pastoral Charge effective December 31, 2020. This brings an end to a long formal relationship between Cloverdale United Church and the Hazelmere United Church. Our prayers and blessings go out to the HUC congregation as they proceed independently of this pastoral charge.

✝ **BIBLE STUDY RESUMES ON JANUARY 12, 2021**

Bible Study will take a break and will resume on January 12

✝ **ELL CLASS RESUMES ON JANUARY 11, 2020**

The ELL Class for the first quarter of 2021 will be held from January 11 to March 28. This class runs for 11 weeks. Please pray for this time when many volunteers and students share laughter and get closer as they learn English.

✝ **NEEDED: TECHIES FOR OUR ZOOM SERVICES**

We are looking for some people who are willing to learn how to run tech on Zoom. All we ask is that you are familiar with being a Host on Zoom, that you're available a few Sundays a month and that you are willing to come to an evening of learning what we do each Sunday morning.

Please contact Robyn at cuc.cyg@gmail.com if you are interested in helping our congregation in this way!

✝ **JOB OPENING – MUSIC COORDINATOR**

CUC is searching for a music coordinator. Details are posted on our website and Facebook page. If you are interested in this position please send in your resume and cover letter to chuc@telus.net. Any questions to Laurel Zulke, Chair of Ministry & Personnel (604-575-7684).

Blast from the Past ✈ 9

Pumpkin Loaf - Tina Thomlinson

4 oz cream cheese	½ tsp salt
¼ margarine	½ tsp cinnamon
1 ¼ cups sugar	¼ tsp cloves
2 eggs	½ cup chopped nuts
1 cup canned pumpkin	Glaze:
1 ¾ cups flour	½ cup icing sugar
1 tsp baking soda	1/8 tsp cinnamon and nutmeg
¼ tsp baking powder	1 ½ tsp cream or milk

Cream together first three ingredients, beat in eggs one at a time. Mix in pumpkin. In another bowl combine dry ingredients. Pour over batter, stir to moisten. Add nuts.

Grease loaf pan. Bake at 350 F for 60-70 minutes.