

One: This is the Good News of Jesus Christ!

ALL: Glory to you O Christ.

Dramatic Story: “Pippin the Christmas Pig” By: Jean Little and Werner Zimmerman **Narrator:** Tiffany Van Meer

Sung Prayer for Peace: “Let there Be Peace On Earth”
By: Sy Miller and Jill Jackson

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn: “Jesus, Our Brother” VU #56

Offering and Presentation of White Gifts

Choir Anthem: “A Time for Advent” By: Steewart Harris

Offertory:

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb,
if I were a wiseman, I would do my part,
yet, what can I give him Give my heart.

“In the Bleak Midwinter” VU#55 vs.4

A Litany for Peace:

Choral Response

One: We seek your peace, O God.

**All: Come Now O God of peace,
We are your people; pour out your spirit
that we be one body. VU#34**

(sung once at the beginning of the prayer and following each petition)

The Lord’s Prayer

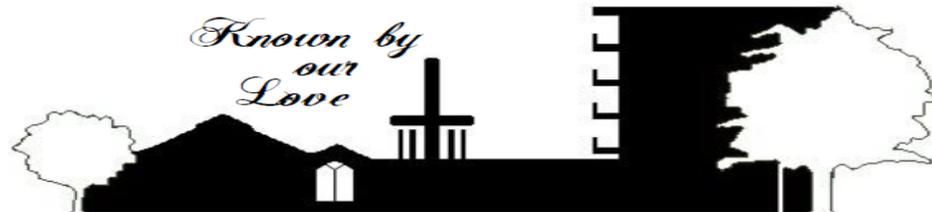
SENT TO SHOW CHRIST’S LOVE

Hymn: “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” VU #44

Benediction

Choral Benediction:

Go now in peace, never be afraid
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.



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Emmanuel United Church shall be a caring, welcoming faith community, nurturing spiritual life and sharing God's love and grace as experienced in Jesus Christ.

December 9, 2018 10:30am

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

If you are new to Emmanuel, we hope that you feel welcome.

Please introduce yourself to our minister, Rev. Roni Beharry and sign the Guest Book before you leave.

We hope that your faith has been enriched through the worship today and that you may come again!

Please join us for coffee fellowship after the worship service. in the Bert Passmore Hall.

A special thank you to all participants in today’s service.

Reader: Judy Pronovost

Ushers: Bob & Judy Pronovost

Coffee Fellowship: Bud McMartin

Doreen McLuhan

Lighting the Advent Wreath: The Van Meer Family

WE GATHER - SUNDAY DECEMBER 9th

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

BE NOT AFRAID: PEACE BEGINS WITH ME

Welcome

Advent Hymn Sing

Announcements

Territorial Acknowledgement:

‘We gather today on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabeg people and, specifically, the Nipissing First Nation, the land they share with us as a result of the Robinson-Huron Treaty. May we live in peace and friendship as a treaty people.’

Greeting:

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation: And also with you.

WE ENTER INTO GOD’S PRESENCE

Lighting the Advent Wreath: The Van Meer Family

Reader One:

It’s time to prepare a pathway for peace.
Where do we start?

Reader Two:

We start with the hope that God’s dream of a kinder, caring world is possible.
We may make mistakes, but we are always given another chance.
Last week, we lit our first candle remembering that, through faith in God, we carry a firm hope that God’s dream is possible. Today we light a candle for peace, recalling that each one of us plays a role in creating a more peaceful world. God’s dream includes each one of us.

Music during the lighting of the Advent Candles:

‘A Candle Is Burning’ VU#6 vs. 1,2

Reader One:

The angels in the Christmas story,
remind us of God’s promise of peace.
(Angel is placed in the crèche)

Opening Prayer:

Let us pray together...
Who are we, O God,
that you should come to us?
Yet you visit us through your wise ones- your prophets
-even through a pig called Pippin.
As we prepare to celebrate Jesus’s birth,
prepare our hearts, by helping us to be kind and caring,
and help us to bless your wonderful world.

We pray in Jesus Name, **Amen.**

Adapted from Voices United, Advent Prayer VU#26

Opening Hymn: ‘There’s A Voice In the Wilderness’ VU#18

Confessing:

A voice crying out for change...
Crying out for more caring,
more loving, more sharing.
Less greed. Less what it’s in it for me,
More of a commitment to the whole, all God’s beautiful people,
For God’s sake, we need to make a change,
Starting with the man (and woman) in the mirror:

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=Man+in+the+mirror

Prayer of Assurance

Choral Assurance of Forgiveness:

How silently, how silently
the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessed gift of heaven.
No ear may hear his coming,
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him still,
the dear Christ enters in.

‘O Little Town of Bethlehem’ VU#64 vs. 3

Children’s Time: ‘In God’s Story Everyone Is Special’

Advent Unwrapped Video Two

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IkGzRQ4QpA&feature=youtu.be>

Hymn: ‘Angels We Have Heard On High’ VU#38 vs. 1

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

Gospel Reading: Luke 3: 1-6