

*St. John's United Church*

December 8, 2019

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Second Sunday of Advent  
December 8, 2019

*Please note that an asterisk \* invites you to stand as you are able*

## **Welcome**

## **Announcements**

**Prelude:** "There is Faint Music"

Buckley/ Forrest - Ottawa Valley Male Choir

## ***To Praise God***

### **Call to Worship:**

God has called us to be together, in this place,  
at this time.

**We come with our whole selves to worship  
God, who has created and is creating.**

We are called to wait for the coming of the  
Christ child.

**We ready our hearts to receive the gift of  
peace during this Advent time of waiting.**

The Spirit moves among us, inviting us into a  
deeper connection with the Divine.

**May the Spirit's power move through our  
worship today.**

*(Written by Phyllis Flemming, Gathering, Advent, p. 29)*

**\*Hymn:** "There's a Voice in the Wilderness"  
#18

**Advent Candle Lighting: Peace** (on screen)

*Eric, Tammy, Bree and Brooke McKenzie*

**Sung Response:** "Peace Shines as a Solitary  
Star" MV 220 (on screen)

**Scripture:** Isaiah 11: 1-10 OT p. 784

**\*Hymn:** "I've Got Peace like a River" #577

**Time to Wonder**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Scripture:** Matthew 3: 1-12 NT p.3  
Laurie Fraser

**Ministry of Music:** "We Three Kings"  
Trio: Bill Bradley, Chris Morgan, Jean-Jacques Rousseau

**Sermon**

**\*Hymn:** "Hark the Glad Sound" #29

***To Respond in Faith***

**Minute for Mission:** Louise Shaw

**The Offering of our Gifts:**  
OVMC - "Christmas is Coming"

**\*Doxology:** #55 vs 4 (on screen)

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Prayers of the People**

***We Return, Strengthened, To Live Our Faith***

**\*Hymn:** "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" #44

**Benediction**

**Postlude:** "Masters in This Hall" Marais/Morris  
OVMC

**Ushers:**  
**Eric and Tammy McKenzie**  
**Barb Rousseau, Peter Wilkinson**

## Announcements

**Thank you** to our Special Guests - Ottawa Valley Male Choir

**The UCW Christmas Luncheon** will be held on Monday, Dec. **9th**, 2019 at the Kemptville Family Restaurant, meeting at 11:30 a.m. We will be collecting toiletries for women which will be donated to the House of Lazarus for Christmas.

**Tues. Dec. 10 - Advent Study Group - 7 pm**

**Sun. Dec. 15 - Third Sunday** of Advent - Choir Cantata and Fellowship hosted by Worship Comm.

**Sun. Dec. 22 - Fourth Sunday** of Advent

**Tues. Dec 24 - Christmas Eve:**  
Family Service **6 pm**  
Worship with Communion **9 pm**

**Sun. Dec. 29 - Worship 10 am**

**Envelopes for 2020** are ready at back of church for pickup.

**Broadview Magazine!** - Special gift subscription discount - only \$20(plus tax). See order forms on bulletin boards.

**The North Grenville Concert Choir** proudly presents "**Christmas Classics**", a wonderful mix of traditional carols and favourite crooner carols. Tickets \$15 at Brewed Awakenings in Kemptville or Helen in the office. Dates are **Dec 8, 13, 14, and 15.**

The **Ottawa Valley Male Choir** is getting that elf-ish feeling again. Please join us for our annual Christmas concert to be held at North Gower United Church on Sunday, **Dec. 15** at 7 pm. Contact Chris at 613-258-7559 for tickets (\$12).