

WESLEY UNITED CHURCH

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Wesley United Church, located on Treaty 4 land, is an Affirming Ministry of Jesus Christ, nurturing spiritual exploration and growth. We advocate for justice and social action. We love and care for ourselves and our neighbours throughout the world.

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Past President: Stephanie Dove

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Treasurer: Jim Chernick

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 1, 2019 10:30 a.m.

Assisting in Worship

Reader: Laura Thomson

Communion Servers: Stephanie Dove, Sharon Mark,
Kent Stewart, Marv Wilson

Accompanist: Barbara Flaten-Orr

Handbells: Kendra Patton

Congregational responses are indicated by bold italics.

*** You are invited to stand**

WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

PRELUDE

*WE SING VU #1

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

GATHERING WORDS

Your promise dawns upon us, Flux of Love—we wait expectantly.

Remembering the world to come.

Your hope arises among us, Flux of Love —we wait confidently.

Remembering the world to come.

Your Cherished One appears for us, Flux of Love —we wait in joy.

Remembering the world to come.

Amen.

WELCOME

OUR OPENING PRAYER

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

(The Candle is lit)

Unknowable Mystery,

Through your Spirit you spoke to prophets, and the people prayed and waited for a Messiah to come.

Through your Spirit you spoke to Mary and Joseph, and they responded and waited for their child to be born.

Through your Spirit, speak to each of us that we may feel your presence and know your will in our Advent waiting this year.

Amen.

WE SING VU #7

Hope is a Star (v.1)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

WE LISTEN

SUNG PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

*WE SING VU #8 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

GOSPEL Matthew 24:36-44

As we reflect on these words from our tradition,

may we find wisdom for living.

ANTHEM Christmas Lullaby
arr. Christine Anderson

SPECULATION

WE RESPOND

*WE SING VU #17 O Ancient Love

MINUTE FOR MISSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE ARE CHALLENGED TO SHARE

OFFERTORY

*OUR RESPONSE VU #5 All Earth is Waiting (v.3)

*WE DEDICATE OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNITY

WE SHARE THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you all...

and also with you.

*WE SING MV #80 Beyond the Beauty and the Awe

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift our hearts in prayer.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is good to give God thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious...

....So it is that we join the song of all creation to
proclaim your goodness:

Holy, holy, holy God,

power of life and love!

Heaven and earth are full of your glory!

Hosanna through the ages!

***Blest is the One who comes to bring your justice to
earth!***

Born to an unwed mother living in an occupied country....

....that our lives may sing the mystery of faith:

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again

BLESSING THE BREAD AND CUP

Amen.

We gather these and all our prayers, as a mother hen gathers her brood, thankful that we may turn to you, as we pray the prayer that Jesus taught us all those years ago:

***Our Mother and 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
forever and ever. Amen.***

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

TIME OF SILENCE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*WE SING VU #9

People, Look East

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE