

*Kitchissippi United Church
December 1, 2019
Advent I - Faith*

*Indicates please stand in body or spirit
Congregational responses in **BOLD** type.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

CAROL SING (*This will happen throughout Advent 10 minutes before the service begins – please call out your favourites and we will sing the first and last verses.*)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT CANDLELIGHTING

We light the candle of faith,

And we are reminded to recall our faith this Advent season.

(*Candle is lit.*)

SUNG RESPONSE: *Prepare the way of the Lord* **VU10**
Prepare the way of the Lord! Prepare the way of the Lord!
Make a straight path for him, make a straight path;
Prepare the way of the Lord! (X2)

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER†

Come as an Advent people; praise the God of promise.

We come with glad and thankful hearts.

Follow the holy way; make the path clear.

Together we will walk the road to Bethlehem.

Let us pray:

Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, O Promised One, we come to this time of Advent awaiting your presence. Give us the wisdom to see meaning in these busy days. Give us the courage to wait in times of pain and trouble. Give us the compassion to wait for one another. Give us the faith to wait for the Messiah when we are threatened by the Herods of this world and even when we cannot hear the angels singing. Give us the love that does not wait when it meets Christ in our neighbor. Come among us, Holy God. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** *O Come, O Come Emmanuel (v. 1-5)* **VU 1**

LEARNING TOGETHER

SUNG RESPONSE *Jesus Our Brother (v. 1)* **VU 56**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION† Denise Bonomo

Holy God, help us to give voice to the wonderful news: you, yourself are coming to dwell among us! Quicken our imaginations to find new and creative ways to proclaim Christ's coming. Amen.

READING Isaiah 2:1-5 (pg. 665)

RESPONSIVE PSALM 122 **VU 845**

READING Matthew 24:36-44 (pg. 960)

RESPONSE TO THE SCRIPTURES

May the Spirit bless these readings to our understanding. **Amen.**

ANTHEM *Jesus the Christ is Born* arr. Donald Patriquin

REFLECTION *Who Knows?*

***HYMN** *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* **VU 8**

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING *Venez, mes enfants* arr. Donald Patriquin

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE** *What Child is This?* **VU74**

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come one and all, to own him. The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him. This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION† (unison)

Accept, O God, this money offered, these gifts given, the goodwill of our hearts, and the dedication of our whole selves for the work of justice, healing, peace and compassion in a hurting world. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The Peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION *(please see insert)*

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN *Herald! Sound the Note of Gladness* **VU 28**

*COMMISSIONING

*SUNG BENEDICTION *Joy is Now in Every Place* (v 4) **VU 45**

Now and ever may we find your good news to fill our mind: peace and love to humankind, hear us, bless us, holy Jesus.

RECESSIONAL *Preludium in C*

Fischer

UCW Bake and Chili Sale today in the Hall

(Please feel free to stay and listen or to move to the hall for coffee, tea and cookies. All are welcome!)

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