

Kilsyth, Keady and North Derby Service Bulletin – 01 Dec 2013

*an invitation to rise in body or spirit, as you are comfortable

For reflection:

Babies are not born knowing how to hate, nor how to socially interact in peaceful ways.

-In what ways do we learn war?

-In what ways do we learn peace?

Frederick Buechner writes that "For Jesus, peace seems to have meant not the absence of struggle, but the presence of love."

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle (from Genesis and John's gospel)

L: In the beginning of creation, when God made heaven and earth, the earth was without form and void.

All: God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from darkness.

L: When all things began, the Word already was. The Word dwelt with God, and what God was, the Word was. Through him all things came to be; no single thing was created without him. All that came to be was alive with his life, and that life was the light of the world.

All: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never put it out.

(Christ Candle is lit) L: The light in all of life.

All: Thanks be to God!

Call to Worship

L: Behind the curtain of space, before the world began, beyond all understanding....
God.

All Sing: Glo-ri-a, Glo-ri-a, Glo-ri-a, in ex-cel-sis De-o.

L: Fathering time, mothering creation, parenting all people....God.

(all sing GLORIA as above)

L: Waiting for the right moment, preparing the right way, intending the right woman.... God.

(all sing GLORIA as above)

L: We believe in one God,

ALL: Maker and mover of heaven and earth. Let us worship God!

***Hymn - VU 1 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" vs. 1, 2, 6, 7**

Advent Candle Lighting

Voice 1: On each Sunday of Advent, we light one candle, illuminating God's truth: hope in the midst of all that frightens us, all that is unknown, all that keeps us lonely. Soon, just a few weeks from now,

all four candles will burn brightly, and we will know that Christmas has come. We respond with the words of Isaiah 2:5.

ALL: Come, Let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Voice 2: Until then, we wait, and we walk together along the path of Advent. This week our light is for peace, a sign to us that in a world of war, God lifts up a different way for us, inviting all to lay down our weapons of all kinds and pick up the tools for building peace.

ALL: Come, Let us walk in the light of the Lord! (first candle is lit)

Advent Candle-lighting Song: (tune VU# 7, Hope is a Star)

**Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth,
giving a promise of safety and worth.
When God is a child there's joy in our song.
The last shall be first, and the weak shall be strong.
And none shall be afraid.**

Children's Time & Lord's Prayer

All sing again: "Peace is a ribbon....."
(children go to Sunday school while this is sung)

Prayer of Confession

Silence is kept for personal prayer.

Affirmation of Grace

Scripture: Isaiah 2:1-5
Romans 13:11-14

One: This is the word of God!

All: May the Spirit bless us with wisdom and wonder, as we ponder the meaning of these words for our lives.

Music for Meditation

Sermon - "Learning Peace, Studying War No More"

Advent Meditation - "'WAITING'"

Offering & *Offertory - VU 542 "We give you"

***Prayer of Dedication (all)**

Holy One, you know us so deeply and truly; you know our ways with power and our ways with peace. You are far beyond our hopes and our hates. Today, we humbly ask that you take these gifts, that they may help build the world of your compassion, your justice, your mercy, your peace. Amen.

Prayers of the People

*Hymn for Advent -Rev. Bill Steadman (tune 424 "May the God of Hope")

**We have heard the story first told long ago
Of a newborn child the world would quickly know.
Came to live among us, God in human form,
He's the Prince of Peace, revealing hope's the norm.**

Refrain

**Seeking, God's anointed one. Sharing, 'til the journey's done,
Praying, that we do what's right, Serving, by Christ's holy light.**

**Shepherds heard the message of the angels near,
Spoken from the hillsides on a night so clear:
"you must go to Bethlehem, a child is there;
He is one so special, came to show God cares." R**

**Others came to gather 'round this stable stall,
Sheep and goats drew nigh as Joseph stood real tall;
Mary felt the presence of the Spirit, blessed,
By this young child whom she cuddled and caressed. R**

**Look for Jesus in your town and you will find,
People who display the gifts of one so kind;
Serving, hoping, loving with a spirit free,
Building up community with love is key. R**

*Advent Benediction

L: God of the watching ones, the waiting ones, the slow and suffering ones, the angels in heaven, the child in the womb,

P: Give us your benediction, your good word for our souls, that we might rest and rise in the kindness of your company. Amen.

*Advent Sung Benediction- (tune is VU 48 "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing")

**Saviour, dwell with us that we
may go forth, your light to be.
Send us out, good news to sing:
Hope, peace, joy and love to bring.
God incarnate, with us dwell.
Come, O Come, Emmanuel.
Come, Lord Jesus, don't delay;
shine your peace through us this day.
Saviour, dwell with us that we
may go forth, your light to be.**

Sources: Call to Worship, Benediction - "Cloth for the Cradle", Iona Community, 1997 Wild Goose Resource Group. GIA Publications, Inc., exclusive North American Distributor. Seasons of the Spirit -Advent 2013, Wood Lake Publishing.

Announcements

Intermediate Choir Concert – Monday, Dec. 16th at 7:00pm: Refreshments will be served. Free-will offering. Proceeds to Hospice of Grey Bruce and Kilsyth United Church.

North Derby and Keady fund script orders are due December 8th.

December 1: Harps In Harmony concert featuring Christmas and Celtic music played by 4 harpists. Concert also includes tenor Stewart Brown, guitarist Roger Williamson, flutist Meryl Gillmore. Central Westside, Owen Sound at 2:00; Allenford United at 7:00, \$20 at door; 16 and under, no charge. Donations to Food Bank Accepted. Further information: Mabel Williamson 519 534 1894

December 8: Back Home Country Show and Dinner; Hepworth Hall (beside UPI); 2:00 Country music performed by Detour, Justine Maw-Farrar, Rudy and Jean Coture, Mabel Williamson. Hosted by Hepworth UCW and Paul Williamson. \$24 ; tickets at Hepworth Family Hair Care , Cindy's Variety or by calling 935 - 3317. Back Home Country reminds us all, young and old, of our community life and country roots.

Church Photographs A reminder to Kilsyth Church members about our photo congregational book. If you did not get your picture taken at the fall picnic and have not already booked your photo session with Frank Deacon to please do so by phoning 519 373-3722 to make an appointment. There is no charge. Several people have come to the studio already but we don't want to miss anyone. Thanks.

Homemade Apple Pies The Deacon Dancers are holding their homemade apple pie fundraiser again this fall. Freshly made uncooked apple pies ready for the freezer with baking instruction will be available on Saturday Nov 30 for pickup at the Kilsyth arena or Sunday, Dec 1 at Kilsyth Church. We can also deliver to your home. Cost is \$10.00 each (payment on delivery). These will be great to have on hand over the busy Christmas season! This is our biggest and best fundraiser..... Hope you can help us. Please call your order to Valerie at 519 -387-0179. Thank you for your support.

Please Pray for and remember with a card or a visit:

Lee Manor: George Wyllie, Marj Vokes,
Country Care Seniors
Residence -Allenford Marie VanVeen phone # 519-934-3595
Central Place: Myrtle Holding and Jessie Coulter-Shier
Gateway Haven – Wiarton: Bill Sopp
At Home: Clary Nicholls, Verna Nicholls and Linda Burleigh

Upcoming Services

Sun Dec 8 - Communion
Sun Dec 15 - Children's Pageant at Kilsyth
Tues Dec 24 - Christmas Eve, Joint Service at Kilsyth 7 pm
Sun Dec 29 - Joint Service at North Derby, 10:30 am No Sunday School
Sun Jan 5 - no Sunday School