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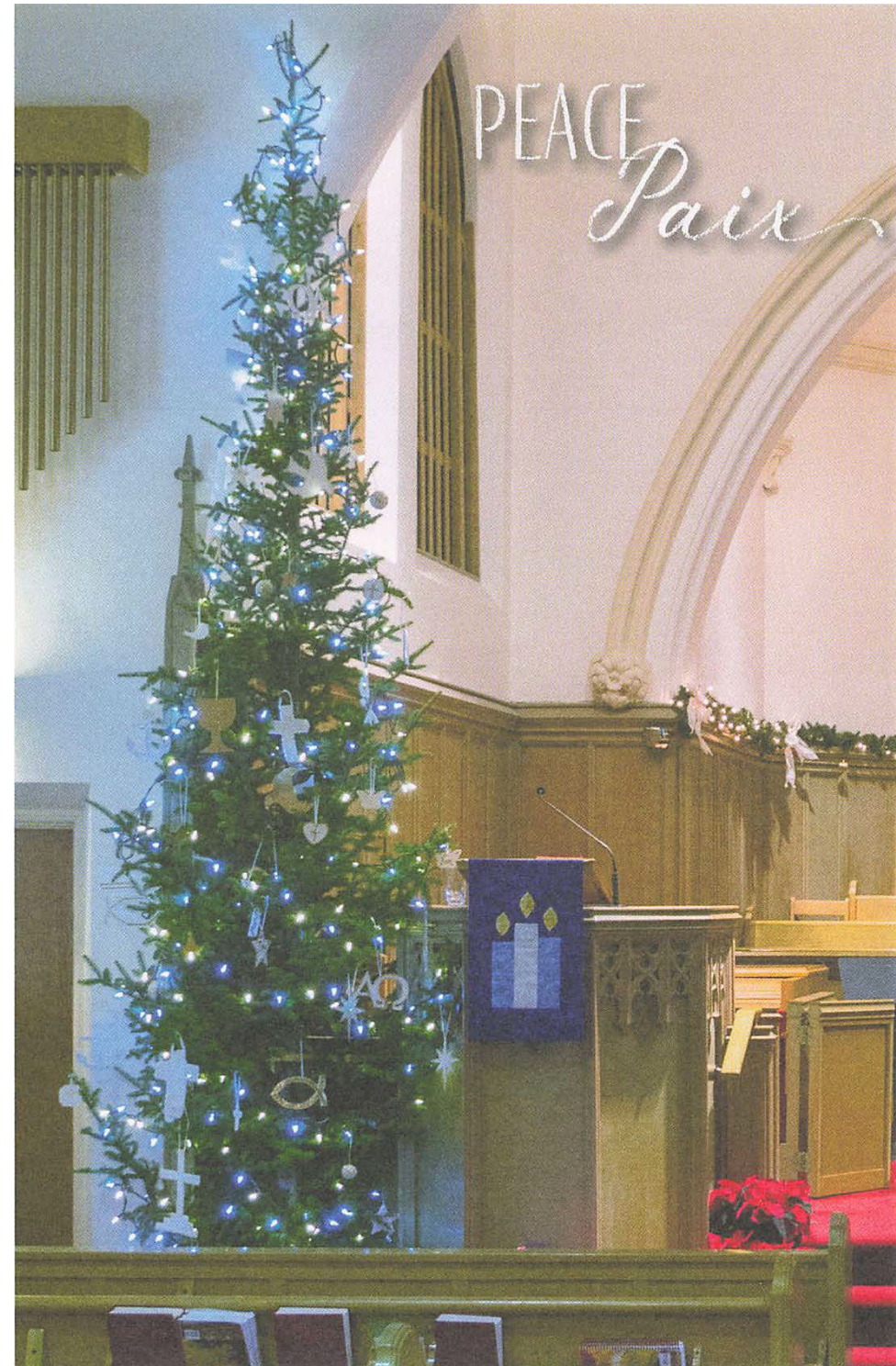
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## ADVENT II - PEACE

December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

♫↑ Rise to sing, as you are able

♫+ Remain seated to sing

**Prelude:** Reflection on “Veni Emmanuel”

David Lasky

### Welcome and Candle Lighting

#### Call to Worship:

Prepare the way of the Lord!

**We make room in our hearts for peace.**

God’s peace is like a river, steady and calm.

**Let us seek the path of peace and welcome God’s presence.**

♫↑ **Hymn:** “There’s a Voice in the Wilderness”

VU 18

#### Advent Candle Lighting:

**Reader:** We lit the candle of hope last Sunday.

##### *Light the first candle*

Today, we light the second candle of Advent, the candle of Peace. We remember that true peace comes when we open our hearts to God and others. This candle reminds us that Jesus is the Prince of Peace, calling us to reconcile and build bridges.

**All: God of peace, prepare our hearts to be peacemakers in a world that longs for harmony. Let Your peace dwell in us. Amen.**

##### *Light the second candle*

♫+ **Hymn:** “Hope Is a Star” (*verse 2*)

VU 7

#### Prayer

♫+ **Hymn:** “Prepare the Way” (Isaiah 40)

VU 882

**Scripture Reading:** Malachi 3:1-4  
Luke 3:1-6

**Anthem:** “Keep the Watch, People of Zion”

Words: Bert Stratton and Roger Thornhill

Music: Patti Drennan

**Sermon:** The Path of Peace

**Meditative Music:** Meditation on “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

David Lasky

♫↑ **Offering Hymn:** “Jesus Came Bringing Us Hope”

MV 33

Jesus came bringing us peace,  
Jesus came bringing us peace,  
Jesus came bringing us peace,  
hallelujah for evermore! (*repeat*)

#### Dedication of Offering

#### Prayers of the People

♫+ **Lord’s Prayer (*said together*)**

**Our 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,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

♪↑ **Hymn:** "People, Look East"

VU 9

**Commissioning and Benediction**

♪↑ **Benediction Response:** "Hope Shines as the Solitary Star"

MV 220

Peace shines as the solitary star,  
faith is the inner light.  
You and I together  
mirror the Light of Lights,  
and illumine the pathway home. *(repeat)*

**Postlude:** Two Preludes on "Vom Himmel Hoch da Komm Ich Her"  
by J.G. Walther and Friedrich Zachau

**Worship Leaders:**

Minister: Rev. Richard Chung  
Scripture Reader: Gloria Candido  
Advent Wreath: Charles Hou, Maureen Kinney  
Music Director: Colleen Coulter  
Organist: Madelene Klassen  
Ministry of Music: Knox Choir  
Usher/Greeters: Dave Cass, Richard Dunsterville  
Live-Streaming: Kevin Wong  
Webminder: Debra Danny

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**December 8, 2024: Advent II Peace**

**Title:** The Path of Peace

**Scripture:** Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 3:1-6

**Synopsis:** Peace is more than a moment of calm; it's a path we prepare and walk. This Sunday, as we hear John the Baptist's call to prepare the way of the Lord, we reflect on what it means to create a pathway for peace in our hearts and in our world. God's peace invites us to bridge, reconcile, heal, and live in harmony with others and with ourselves.

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Mission: "We exist to love God and love our neighbours" (Matthew 22: 36-40)

Vision: "We aspire to engage our neighbours through the arts, building a community without loneliness.