

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 10, 2017

If you are joining us in worship for the first time or returning to visit family and friends, we warmly welcome you as our guest. It is our goal and prayer that you would be blessed and encouraged to start a new week renewed in spirit. Thank you for joining us in worship this morning.

There is holy anticipation as we gather to celebrate the love of God through our worship. Let us prepare our hearts prayerfully this morning as we eagerly seek for the ministry of the Spirit of God to be a blessing in our worship.

This morning your greeters are **Moira & Ed Banman**, the Announcements will be reviewed by **Barbara Ward**, the Scripture lessons will be read by **Margaret Clow**, and the Advent Candle Liturgy will be led by **Carol & Dirk Van Ek**. Following worship, everyone is invited to stay for coffee, tea and fellowship.

Today's Hosts are **Diana & Ian Blaikie**.

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- **Large Print** editions of the Bulletin, the Book of Praise, Living Faith and the Bible are available in the Vestibule.
- Our Sanctuary has a **Hearing Loop**, use the T switch on your hearing aid;
- Our facility is a **Fragrance Free** building. We have an **automatic door opener** on the front door of the building which has disabled access;
- Recordings of the service are now available on CD by request. Please contact the **Church Office**.
- The sermon is available to listen to on the church website.
- We offer a sponsored **Taxi service** for those who need a ride to Worship, and other Congregational events. The details are available at the Message Centre or speak to **Catherine Held**.

Minister.....	Rev. John Paeng
Clerk of Session.....	Mrs. Margaret Clow
Organist.....	Mrs. Edith Tutiah
Choir Director.....	Mrs. Helen Hill-Tout
Chairman - Board of Managers.....	Mr. Rae Bailey
Church Secretary.....	Mrs. Charlene King



PEACE

ORDER OF WORSHIP

“WE APPROACH GOD...”

Entry of the Bible

Call to Worship

***HYMN #115 “ON JORDAN’S BANK THE BAPTIST’S CRY”**

Welcome & Announcements

***HYMN #104 (Sing!) “SONG OF ZACHARIAH”**

Prayer for Forgiveness & Lord’s Prayer

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE (see insert)

***HYMN #114 “COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS**

Anthem: “Gently Mary Laid Her Child”

TO LISTEN TO AND REFLECT ON HIS WORD...

Scripture Readings 2 Peter 3: 8 - 15a (p. 861/81369)

Mark 1: 1 – 8 (p. 707/1127)

Scripture Response:

Lord, Thy word abideth

And our footsteps guideth

Who its truth believeth.

Light and joy receiveth. Amen

Preaching of the Word: **“PEACEFUL SHOUT!”**

Prayers of Thanks and for Others

AND TO RESPOND IN FAITH AND SERVICE.”

Worship with Tithes & Offerings: “Allemande” by W.F. Bach

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

***HYMN #110 “HARK THE GLAD SOUND”**

*Benediction and Threefold Amen

Organ Postlude

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND**

Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

We have heard that our penalty has been paid, God of Comfort, yet we still insist on earning our way into your heart. We confess that you are patient with us, but wish you would act quickly against those who hurt us. We confess your word will stand forever, but it is our words of pain and anger that cause long term harm to others. Your Messenger has come, Approaching God, crying out to us of your forgiveness and hope. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we pray who taught us to pray,

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Christmas Appeal

Rescue BC through PWS&D

This year St. Columba is supporting the initiative “Rescue BC”. Proceeds will be forwarded to Presbyterian World Service and Development (PWS&D). The recent forest fires that have swept through our Province this year have distorted many peoples life’s in losing homes and business. Let’s support in making these life less worrisome for people affected. Good work is happening through PWS&D in the Caribou Ministries, and Kamloops Ministries. Pray upon it and donate if you can, to say we care and want to help as Christians.

Please place your donation in an offering envelope and mark it “Christmas Appeal.” **To date we have raised \$160.00.**

Christmas Lunch with Anela: Wed Dec 13th Noon - If you plan to attend please sign up in the Mahood Hall. If you cannot make the lunch, plan to join us in the sanctuary at 12:45 pm for a great concert of Gospel and Christmas Music. This concert is open to EVERYONE - friends, relatives and anyone who may be interested. Help us fill the sanctuary. Anela Kahiamoe was a member of the largest praise team in Hawaii and is an accomplished singer as well as guitar and ukulele player.

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