



PEACE

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Advent II

10:15 a.m.

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Meditation: “Fast food is to slow food,
as fast Advent is to slow Advent”.

Welcome: to Britannia United Church. Our **nursery** is always available to children three years of age and younger. It is at the end of the hall by the office. **Headsets** are available for those who need assisted hearing (speak to our sound technician). Please join in with the **bold and italic** print. **Coffee and Tea** are available at the back of the church, after the service. Please stand when (*) appears.

We Gather in God's Name

Introit: Prepare the Way of the Lord (10)

Announcements

Prelude: Even So Lord Jesus Come

Candle Lighting: (Barry Meredith & Dianne Tupper)

This morning we light the second candle of Advent,
the candle of peace.

(the candle is lit)

Our peace is a peace which holds within it
longing, wholeness, and justice for all.

Ours is the peace that passes understanding,
the fulfillment of all God's hopes for creation.

Peace is God's gift to us, a gift to share.

Sung Response: Keep Us Mindful

O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem,
and bring your Kingdom to bloom in our day!

O come, O come, Emmanuel.

May the light of these two candles burn brightly in us
that we might lead the way!

O come, O Come, Emmanuel.

These candles keeps us mindful of your promise:

Rejoice! Rejoice! O Israel, to you shall come Emmanuel.

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Scripture Reading: Luke 3:1-6 (NT, pg.60) (Gail Wyse)

Hymn: There's a Voice in the Wilderness (18)

Opening Prayer:

In the spirit of peace, we come, O God,
on this second Sunday of Advent.

Still our hearts that we might hear

Your Word for us this day.

Sow in us the seeds of your peaceable kin-dom
that we might find our rightful place
in your creation.

Prepare our hearts, we pray,

to receive the Prince of Peace. Amen

Anthem: Come, Come Emmanuel

Theme Presentation

We Hear God's Word

Message: The Way of Peace

Hymn: On Jordan's Bank (20)

We Respond to God

Prayers of Joy and Concern and The Lord's Prayer

Offertory

* **Doxology:** (55, verse 4)

*What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;
yet – what I can, I give Him – give my heart.*

* **Offertory Prayer:**

We offer our gifts for your work in the world.

*Bless them we pray,
that they may become connections,
that they may transform the world,
that they may transform us,
as we live in peace. Amen*

Minute for Mission (Wendy Gallant)

* **Hymn:** God of All Places (4)

* **Commissioning Prayer:**

Let us go forth with hope in our song,
with joy in our hearts,
with love overflowing.

*Let us go as people of peace,
into a world that longs
for the blessings of the Christ-child,
and the promise of Christmas. Amen*

* **Sung Response:**

*Put peace into each other's hands
and like a treasure hold it,
protect it like a candle flame,
with tenderness enfold it.
Put peace into each other's hands
with loving expectation;
be gentle in your words and ways,*

*in touch with God's creation.
Give thanks for strong yet tender hands,
held out in trust and blessing.*

*Where words fall short, let hands speak out,
the heights of love expressing.
Reach out in friendship, stay with faith
in touch with those around you.
Put peace into each other's hands:
the Peace that sought and found you.*

Postlude

