

**Melville United Church****Sunday, December 7, 2014 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**


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*\* Congregation please stand as you are able.*

**Bold print invites congregational response.**

Presiding today: Jen Auger

**Welcome & Sharing the Light**

**Prelude:** Improvisation

**Announcements**

**Call to Worship:**

Come let us travel together

**On a search of abundant peace**

Let us tell together the story of God's wondrous love

**And draw a shared vision of God in our midst.**

**\*Hymn:** VU 7 Hope is a Star

**Opening Prayer:**

God, as your people we wait.

We wait in the dark of December,

Lost in the details of our busy lives.

Here now, we take a moment in silence to lift our Advent hopes to you.

God, as your people we wait, knowing Love is coming.

Into the darkness of the world, you once brought light.

Into the darkness of our lives, you continue to bring light.

**Thanks be to God, Amen**

**Chorus:** Prepare the Way of the Lord VU 10

**Prepare the way of the Lord!**

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**Make a straight path for him,**

**make a straight path;**

**prepare the way of the Lord!** (Repeat)

**Lighting of the Advent Candle: Advent 2**

*(as the first candle is lit)*

On the first Sunday of Advent we lit a candle for Hope.

Today we light a candle for Peace.

This is the Peace we search for;

Peace of mind that enables us to think clearly and act with confidence,

**Peace in our hearts that enables us to feel calm and share compassion,**

Peace in our spirits that puts us in touch with God's love and Christ's Way.

**Peace in our homes, peace at work and school,**

Peace when we are among our friends cooing like a dove to calm fears and settle disputes,

**Peace within us, around us and holding us strong.**

Peace that comforts like a cat's warm fur and soft purring.

*(the second candle is lit)*

This is the candle of Peace, peace for which we search.

**In its glow, we are blessed. In its glow, God's love is revealed.**

**Song** - The Friendly Beasts - vs 1,4,5

-as the dove and the cat are placed in the stable.

**1. Jesus, our brother, kind and good,  
Humbly was born in a stable of wood;  
And the friendly beasts around him stood,  
Jesus, our brother, kind and good.**

**4. "I," said the dove from rafters high,  
"Cooed him to sleep so he would not cry;  
We lulled him to sleep, my mate and I,  
I," said the dove from rafters high.**

**5. "I," said the cat with velvet fur,  
"Curled at his feet and for him did purr;  
Warming his toes so he need not stir,  
I," said the cat with velvet fur.**

**Message:** The Magic School Bus: Jesus in the Future

**Scripture:** Matthew 25:34-40

**Hymn:** VU 595 We are Pilgrims

**Offering:** White Gifts

**Ministry of Music:**

**\*Offering Hymn:** In the Bleak Midwinter - vs 4

VU 55

**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:**

**Joys & Concerns**

**Prayer of the People, Prayer of Jesus**

**\*Hymn:** Feliz Navidad

**\*Blessing/Sending Forth:**

**\*Parting Song:** There's a Voice in the Wilderness vs 1

VU 18

**There's a voice in the wilderness crying;  
a call from the ways untrod:  
prepare in the desert a highway;  
a highway for our God!  
The valleys shall be exalted,  
the lofty hills brought low;  
make straight all the crooked places  
where God, our God, may go!**

**Postlude:** Noel Suisse - J. Daquin

<b>December</b>	<b>Theme</b>	<b>Ministry</b>
7th	Advent 2	Jen
14th	Advent 3	Marion
21st	Advent 4	Cantata/Choir/Matthias
24th early 5:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Worship Service for all ages	Jen
24th late 9:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Readings, Carols and Communion	Marion
28th	1 <sup>st</sup> After Christmas	Marion
Jan 4th	Happy New Year	Jen

**Partners in Prayer:** Bethel Mennonite Church

**Prayer Cycle for Hamilton Conference:** Emmanuel, Waterloo

Prayer Tree Captain: Alison Rainford

**Welcomers:** Isobel Glennie, Diane Maloney,  
Virginia Ingleby, Bob Zirk