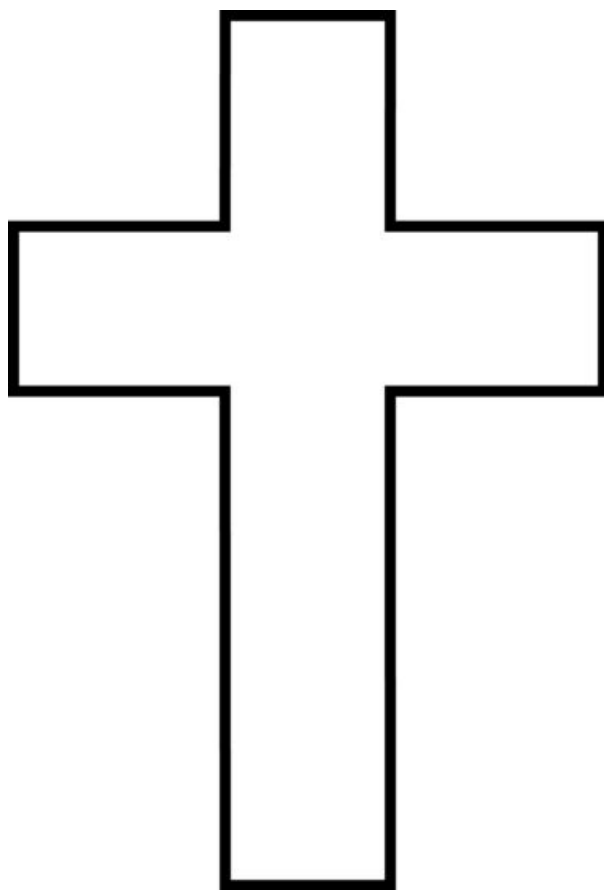


St. David's Presbyterian Church
98 Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's, NL A1B 1R8

Order of Service for
Second Sunday of Advent
December 10th, 2023



Elder on Duty: Ed Vanderkloet

Manager on Duty: Heather Steele

Instrumental Prelude – “Hodie Christus natus est” - TSO

Welcome & Announcements

Entry of the Bible

Introit – “Nativity Carol” by John Rutter – Choir

Call to Worship:

Hear the words of the scriptures:

"For a child has been born for us...and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ...and there shall be endless peace." The world, our relationships and our lives are all too often torn by conflict and injustice. Advent calls us to pray and work for peace in the world God loves and to which Christ came. But God's Peace is not simply the absence of conflict. It is the peace that comes when we live in abundant life, loving God and one another.

Jesus Christ comes as the Prince of Peace.

We join with all creation and lift our hearts in joyful praise.

We light this candle to shine for peace.

Hymn: # 159 Oh come, all ye faithful

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession:

God of mercy,

We confess that we are in need of peace.

We cause pain to others for selfish reasons,

We take easy paths and allow injustice when it benefits us,

We ignore the cries of those in need instead of working for peace.

We fail to reflect who you are to those around us, O Prince of Peace.

Forgive us.

By the power of your Holy Spirit,

give us new eyes for seeing, new ears for hearing

so that we follow Jesus more faithfully day by day.

The Lord's Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Orchestral Anthem: “String Quartet No. 1, Menuetto” by Franz Schubert

Children’s Hymn: # 168 See amid the winter’s snow
Children’s Time and Prayer

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 40:1-11	(p.1077)
Psalm 85 (responsive)	(p.884)
2 Peter 3:8-15a	(p.1814)
Mark 1:1-8	(p.1488)

Hymn: # 145 In the bleak mid-winter

Sermon: “Peace”

Choral Anthem: “Goin’ to Bethlehem” by Jay Althouse

Collection of Offering

Doxology Hymn # 79

Offering Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Hymn: # 153 Joy to the world

Benediction

Postlude ~ “Follow that star” by Brian Lewis - TSO and Choir

We **WELCOME** everyone to our worship today and pray that this hour might be one of refreshment and spiritual joy.

An unstaffed **Nursery** for infants and toddlers is available through the door at the front right hand side of the Sanctuary.

A **Fellowship Time** is held downstairs after worship. Please come and join us!

There is additional **parking** available for Sunday Mornings next door at Elizabeth Tower's parking lot and across the street at the English School District parking lot.