



Sunset United Church

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Sunset United, located on Treaty 4 Territory,
is an Affirming community of faith. All are welcome here.

WE GATHER

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Centering Words

Lighting the Advent Candles



In this season of Advent, we pray for God's peace.

Christ is our light and the source of our peace.

We witness the hostility between nations and
neighbours.

Christ is our light and the source of our peace.

We see a world full of broken relationships and
unforgiving hearts.

Christ is our light and the source of our peace.

We seek relief from our turmoil and restlessness.

Christ is our light and the source of our peace.

This morning we light two candles, the candle of hope and the candle of peace. This candle reminds us that Christ came into the world to restore peace, and that only through being open to the Holy Presence can we find our own inner peace. We remember that Christ is called the Prince of Peace, who taught us that through simple acts of love and compassion peace is spread throughout the world.

Sung Response:

O Come, O come, Emmanuel
And end this gloom of night.
Bring hope to the world,
Bring peace to the earth,
And fill us with love's pure light.

Call to Worship:

We come together in this place on this second Sunday of Advent.

We come together in peace, as we prepare to welcome Emmanuel.

We come together in this place, the young and not-so-young, to share in singing and praying; to share in worshiping as a community.

We come together in peace, as we prepare to welcome Emmanuel. Let us worship.

Hymn: VU#02 Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus (v.1-2) ***

First Gift

Passing the Peace



Hymn: MV#220 Hope Shines as the Solitary Star ****

WE LISTEN

Anthem: When Will Messiah Come

Sharing the Story

Gift 2 – Stories

Hymn: VU#56 Jesus, Our Brother (v.1 & 2) <<

Gift 3

Hymn: VU#01 O Come, O Come Emmanuel (V.6 & 7) <<<

Scripture: Luke 3: 1-6

Reflection

Hymn: VU#18 There's a Voice in the Wilderness Calling
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WE RESPOND

Offering Dedication

Hymn: MV#191 What Can I Do? <*<

Prayer

Prayers of the Community

Hymn: VU#5 All Earth is Waiting (v. 1-3) <*<*

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude



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