

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!
Sunday, December 10th, 2017
The Second Sunday of Advent
Gifts Service

GATHERING IN EXPECTANCY

**indicates the community stands, as able

FAMILY CAROL SINGING (10.15am) ...Don McMillan

Please rise to sing:

VOICES UNITED **29 *Hark the Glad Sound!*

**CALL TO WORSHIP ...Hamza Raslan

In places of war and in places of peace,
there we will find the Christ child.

In places of sorrow and in places of joy,
there we will find the Christ child.

In places of despair and in places of hope,
there we will find the Christ child.

In places of hate and in places of love,
there we will find the Christ child.

We find the Christ child in all places,
for where two or three are gathered in his name,
there we will find the Christ child!

Let us give thanks to God, as we continue the Advent journey.

**PEACE GREETING

May the peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

(The Community exchanges words and signs of peace)

ANTHEM *Light of Hope, Light of Peace* M. Patterson
...Children's Ensemble

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY NEWS ...Michael Brooks

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF **PEACE** ...Angels

Angels, what are you doing? Can we join you?

We have been given an important task...

...Please come with us and join in our song of peace.

Thank you, angels, for your faith and your gift of peace.

We will join you on this Advent adventure! *(second candle is lit)*

VOICES UNITED **7, verses 1 and 2** *Hope Is a Star*

RESPONDING IN CARE FOR THE EXPECTANT

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* arr. C. Curry

VOICES UNITED **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.

SEEKING TO GROW IN EXPECTANCY

THE GIFT DRAMA: "A PEACE KEEPING CHRISTMAS"

by Jay Poitras and Pinnacle Youth

Scene 1: Christmas in Iraq

MORE VOICES **221 *Sing Twice*

I am walking a path of peace, I am walking a path of peace,

I am walking a path of peace, lead me home, lead me home.

Scene 2: Christmas in the Crossfire

Sung Response (above)

Scene 3: Christmas on the Night Shift, part 1

Sung Response (above)

Scene 4: Christmas on the Night Shift, part 2

SOLO *Let There be Peace on Earth* ...Aiden Glenn

BIBLE READING Luke 2: 8-14

REACHING OUT IN EXPECTANCY

VOICES UNITED **44 *It Came upon the Midnight Clear*
Gifts and food items are presented during the singing

**BLESSING OF THE GIFTS AND ONE ANOTHER

POSTLUDE *Toccata Antica* A. Moore

MISTLETOE MART UPDATE – Good News!

This is the season of HOPE. At the windup Mistletoe Mart meeting, the committee expressed gratefulness for your support with the bazaar and we want to share this thankfulness with you. We all had such hope, but with having the split venues, the committee was so anxious – would customers come to both places? Would there be as many customers? Was the publicity enough? Would it rain or snow? Would the signs be ruined? Would the congregation fill the volunteer spots? Would the youth volunteer? Would there be donations of knitting, sewing, crafts, baking, jewellery, food for the restaurant, collectibles and silent auction items? Would the artisans be happy? And, of course, as the MISTLETOE MART is the largest fundraiser for our church, would we be financially successful? Last year we netted almost \$26,000 and hoped for \$10,000 this year. So many worries and so little sleep. BUT, YOU, THE CONGREGATION came through! We **netted** \$21,647.11! We are so very grateful to you and we want to once again express our thanks.

JOB OPENINGS: Would you like to combine work with fellowship, laughter and a good feeling of satisfaction? Volunteer to join any of the committees. More help is always needed. Speak to June Wright or Jean Redgrave.

