



to **WORSHIP**

St. Paul's United Church

(Kindersley, Saskatchewan)

Worship Leader: Rev. Piotr Strzelecki

Musician: Clayton Braybrook

December 14th, 2025

**WELCOME TO THIS COMMUNITY OF FAITH
on
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

GREETING:

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
the love of God and the presence
of the Holy Spirit
be with you all
And also with you

CALL TO WORSHIP:

We seek a Christmas full of love,
**love close to home,
a love shared with family or among friends.**
We seek a Christmas full of love,
**love that is faithful,
love that embraces us in faith community.**
We seek a Christmas full of love
**love that reaches out,
love that welcomes everyone.**

We seek a Christmas full of love,
**love that is compassionate,
love that brings healing and hope.**
We seek a Christmas full of love,
**love that is practical,
love that is shared by those
who work over the holiday.**
We seek a Christmas full of love,
**love that is personal,
love that floods our hearts
and enlivens our spirits.**
Because we seek a Christmas full of love,
**we gather to worship the One
who came to be God's love for us.**

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WE SING:

"A Candle Is Burning" (VU# 6)

WE ARE NOT ALONE:

The lighting of the Christ Candle ((Matthew 18:20/John 8:12)

Rejoice in God always!
**In the excitement
of looking forward to Christmas,**
rejoice in God always!
**As we search for gifts
and plan our celebrations,**
rejoice in God always!
**As we anticipate sharing time
with family and friends again,**
rejoice in God always!
**In Advent worship
and the singing of carols,**

rejoice in God always!

May we find our Loving God in the warm hug, in the family memories, in the laughter of a little child, and in hard times shared.

Rejoice in God always.

And so we light a candle of joy.

Amen..

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-- the candle is lit --

(During the lighting of the candle the choir will sing “Abana”, the Lord’s Prayer from the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Egypt, we will sing it together later in the service.)

OPENING PRAYER:

Let us pray.

God of the Advent Journey,

we are halfway to Christmas.

Children may find it an impossibly long time.

We, on the other hand, have much prayer and reflection to do in readiness for that most sacred day celebrating Christ’s birth.

Empower us to use these last days to attune ourselves to your will and way.

Humbly we pray.

Amen.

*Laura J. Turnbull, Penticton, B.C.
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MUSICAL REFLECTION

WE LEARN TOGETHER

(pay attention to the story and the screen 😊)

***LONG, LONG TIME AGO,
BEHIND MOUNTAINS AND MEADOWS,
BEHIND OCEANS AND RIVERS,
IN A TOWN CALLED BETHLEHEM ...***

WE SING: “Prepare the Way of the Lord” (VU# 10)

OUR PRAYERS

THE LORD’S PRAYER (*“Abana in Heaven”*)

WE SING:

“The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy” (VU# 73)

PASTORAL BLESSING

... and may the blessing of God,
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
Be with you now and always
Amen!

PASSING OF THE PEACE:

As you go from here, to share the Good News
with all those you will encounter,
as you go from here ...
may the Peace of the Lord be with you all.
And also with you.