



to WORSHIP

St. Paul's United Church

(Kindersley, Saskatchewan)

Worship Leader: Rev. Piotr Strzelecki

Musician: Clayton Braybrook

December 07th, 2025

WELCOME TO THIS COMMUNITY OF FAITH on SECOND 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 are called into worship and fellowship by the
words of John the Baptist:

**Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths
straight.**

We bring our wishes for the world and its people:

**Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain
and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall
be made straight, and the rough ways made
smooth; and all flesh shall encounter
the salvation of God.**

*George Allan, Chatham, Ont.
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WE SING: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (VU# 1)

WE ARE NOT ALONE:

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

The Advent season is a time known for candles, coloured lights, and bright stars.

This four-week-long season points us toward the cradle of Bethlehem and the cross of Calvary.

It is important that we light the candles to remind us that we do not live in the shadows of despair and discouragement.

We are a people of light and hope.

Today we light the candle of hope.

To guide us on our journey to Bethlehem.

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

Come, Emmanuel, into this heart we share as your people, as your body in Christ, your church.

Come, Emmanuel, meet us in the frailty of our human flesh.

Come, Emmanuel, find us in our longing and desire for serenity and peace.

Come, Emmanuel, dance with us.

Come, Emmanuel, light up our hearts.

Come, Emmanuel, use us to prepare the way for a new day, where we recognize you cherish your earth: star and soil, breath and light, this moment and every moment, your gift to each of us in life itself.

Come, Emmanuel, our hope is in you.

Wendy MacLean, Brockville, Ont.

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MUSICAL REFLECTION

WE LEARN TOGETHER

(time for our younger brothers and sisters)

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

WE READ FROM OUR SACRED STORY

Isaiah 11:1-10

Matthew 3:1-2

Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the church.

May our hearts and ears be opened.

REFLECTION

WE SING: “My Love Colours Outside ...” (MV# 138)

WE DEDICATE WHAT WE BRING:

Waken our hearts to know the power we have to make a difference.

Give us wisdom to trust your voice, prompting us to act, to risk reaching out in love.

Make us bold:

generously offering hot chocolate and cookies and a kind word to a stranger; discovering you reflected in the joy of dancing in a crowd.

Waken our hearts to know when we have made a difference, Gracious God.

This we ask as we offer our gifts today.

Amen.

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OUR PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*"Abana in Heaven"*)

WE SING: "There Was a Child" (MV# 134)

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