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** an invitation to stand in body or spirit in the service
~ BOLD PRINT- Congregational Participation

Advent 2 – Peace - December 7, 2025
10:00 am at Little Current United Church

WELCOME: a special welcome to guests worshipping with us today. Please sign the guest book as you enter the sanctuary.

Gathering & Prelude
Announcements - The Life & Work of the Church
We Approach God

Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory

We gather this morning on land in Little Current. Before we spoke English on this land, we spoke French and called here Le Petit Courant. Before we spoke French here, we spoke Ojibwe, also known as Anishinaabemowin, and called here Waabijewung. Many names. Many peoples. Many generations. One place. In honour of all who have come before us, may we never forget history didn't begin with English here. There are more sacred stories.

In hope of all the people after us, may we weave our lives
with the peoples who call this place home.

We are all sacred people – beloved children of the Holy One.

The wreath is made of evergreen leaves, which "represent the hope of eternal life brought by Jesus Christ".

Lighting the Advent Candle:

Reader 1: Again, we light a candle for hope - hope for ourselves, hope for our beloved world. **[light the blue/purple candle that was lit the week before]**

Reader 2: Today we remember that Jesus was called the Prince of Peace.

Reader 1: We remember the angels' song: Peace on Earth.

Reader 2: We still do not have peace on earth. Many suffer, because of war and violence.

Reader 1: And so, we light a candle to shine the light of peace: peace in our hearts, peace in our community, peace in the world. **[light a blue/ purple candle]**

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Reader 2: May that gentle and peaceful light spread out all through the world! " (+1)

Advent Candle Hymn: *Hope is a Star (vs. 2 & refrain) VU 7*
Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth,
Giving a promise of safety and worth.

When God is a child there's joy in our song.

The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,
and none shall be afraid.

Call to Worship

One: Christ is at home in your heart

Place your hand over your heart

Close your eyes and see the candle's light in your mind's eye.

Sit quietly and notice where peace is stirring... **(pause)**

Rest in the light of Peace beckoning...

breathe... breathe... breathe... **(pause)**

ALL: Come, Peace, come

Stir in our souls

Find your birthing place in our living.

Encircle us with a ribbon of love.

Come, Peace, come. (+2)

Invocation

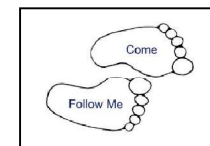
God of all peace, may your light always shine bright within us. May we choose the paths of peace. May all our words and deeds and prayers express our longing for a peaceful world: a world where wounds are healed, where enemies become friends, where war is no more, where all can live free of fear. In the name of Jesus, Prince of Peace. Amen.

****Hymn: I Am Walking the Path of Peace (2x)" MV 221**

Learning For All Ages:

"Feet on the Ground" - Walking the Path of Peace

Have you ever taken a trip - a journey – and wondered how long it will take?
Did you ever ask, "Are we there yet?"



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Listening

HYMN OF ILLUMINATION

MV 214

*May God's sheltering wings, her gathering wings protect you.
May God's nurturing arms, her cradling arms sustain you,
and hold you in her love, and hold you in her love.*

HOLY SCRIPTURES

Luke 1: 67, 76-80 and Luke 3:2b-6

(A prophet speaks during the reign of Herod.)

May God's spirit shape our understanding of these words.

And may they awaken in our hearts

Sermon: "The Journey of a 1000 Miles Begins With One Step"

****Learning Hymn:** "People Look East" Vs 1,3,5. VU 9

M4M - Your Generosity Matters -

Why White Gifts?

Responding to the Word

Invitation to Commitment:

We bring these offerings given today and each month by PAR and we dedicate them with prayer.

(The offerings will now be brought forward)

****Offertory Hymn:** (VU 538)

For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,
and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,
we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.

Prayer of Commitment (unison)

God of all gifts, we thank you for the blessings we enjoy: the loved ones and friends who help make our lives good, our chances to work and learn, our chances to make life better for others. In this season we especially give thanks for the child Jesus, who was born into the world to bring PEACE. Help us receive this gift well as we hear and share the message, in all we say and do. As we give thanks, we offer you our gifts, gifts

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of money to help your work here and around the world, gifts of food to help those in need in our own district, and most of all the gift of ourselves. Help us give of ourselves in love and care for others. May Good News come alive in our hearts and our community. Amen. (+3)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & Lord's Prayer

We pray for peace. Hear these prayers spoken, whispered, written, typed, sighed or drawn for situations we need your peace in..... **(personal prayers).**

We pray for peace. We have felt your peace and offer gratitude in prayer. Hear these prayers signed, thought, shouted, or felt **(personal prayers).**

All of this we pray in the name of Peace, our Christ, who taught us to pray ...

.....Our Mother/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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD

****HYMN**

All Earth Is Waiting

VU #5

Benediction & Carrying out the Light:

The path before you, may you walk it in peace

The path behind you: may your leave it in peace

And the path within you may it be peace indeed.

Journey with the peace of Christ & the light of hope." (+4)

- Light is extinguished.

Choral Benediction: MV 213 Take Up His Song 2X

Take up his song of peace and go into the world.

Take up his song of peace in ev'ry moment.

***In ev'ry moment of the journey, we're laying down our lives;
lay them down, in peace,
lay them down, and take up his song.***

Go now in the peace of Christ!

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**Thank you to all who
helped with Breakfast with Santa .**

**Stay after worship to make a wreath, or fill a bag with
supplies to make one at home**



Welcome to Worship

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'Peace'

**Advent 2 Sunday
Messy Church**

December 7, 2025

Hymns for December 7, 2025 – Little Current UCPC

#1 *I Am Walking the Path of Peace (2x)" MV 221*

***I am walking a path of peace; (3X)
lead me home, lead me home.***

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#2 *"People Look East." VU 9*

- 1. People, look east. The time is near
of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
trim the hearth and set the table.
People look east and sing today:
Love the guest is on the way.***
- 2. Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
one more seed is planted there:
give up your strength the seed to nourish,
that in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east and sing today:
Love the rose is on the way.***
- 3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build,
guard the nest that must be filled;
even the hour when wings are frozen
God for fledging time has chosen.
People, look east and sing today:
Love the bird is on the way.***
- 4. Stars, keep watch. When night is dim
one more light the bowl shall brim,
shining beyond the frosty weather,
bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today:
Love the star is on the way.***
- 5. Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today:
Love the Lord is on the way.***

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#3. *All Earth Is Waiting VU 5*

- 1. All earth is waiting to see the Promised One,
and open furrows await the seed of God.
All the world, bound and struggling, seeks true liberty;
it cries out for justice and searches for truth.***
- 2. Thus says the prophet to those of Israel,
"A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel."
One whose name is "God with us," our Saviour shall be,
through whom hope will blossom once more within our hearts.***
- 3. Mountains and valleys will have to be made plain,
open new highways, new highways for our God,
who is now coming closer, so come all and see,
and open the doorways as wide as wide can be.***
- 4. In lowly stable the Promised One appeared.
Yet, feel that presence throughout the earth today,
for Christ lives in all Christians and is with us now;
again, on arriving, Christ brings us liberty.***

