

Stouffville United Church

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Second Week of Advent

Music Prelude

Welcome

Acknowledgement of the Land

We are gathered on the treaty territory of the Huron Wendat, Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe people and their ancestors. May we honour their history, spirituality, culture and teachings and uphold our responsibilities as treaty partners.

Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle:

We light this candle as a symbol of the light of Christ, which cannot be held back by distance, which shines in each one of us, no matter where we are.

Call to Worship:

Hymn: Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus (2 VU)

Prayer of Approach and Confession:

Merciful God, You are always with us,
we confess that we do not know
how to prepare for Your Advent.
We have forgotten how to hope in miracles;
we have ignored the promise of Your kingdom;
we get distracted by all the busyness of this
season. Forgive us, O Lord, and grant us again
the simple wonder of the shepherds,
the intelligent courage of the magi,
and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph,
that we may journey with them to Bethlehem
and find the good news of a child born for us.
Now, in the quiet of our hearts,
we ask you to make us ready for His coming.
Amen.

Words of Assurance:

God was in Christ reconciling the world unto
himself, not counting our trespasses against us.
Therefore be assured and believe your sins are
forgiven.

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

Music Ministry:

A time of silence

Offertory

Offertory Prayer

Lord, You called us to be Your people, to walk in Your Way Lord Jesus; and so we come with the offering of ourselves and the gifts from the work of our hands, hearts and minds seeking Your words of comfort and challenge.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Matthew 2:13-18

Hymn: A Voice Was Heard in Ramah (111MV)

Sermon: *"The Scrooge that Lurks Within Us All"*

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

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Our 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,

the power and the glory

Forever and ever. Amen

Hymn: It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (44 VU)

Blessing

Closing Response (VU 967)

Music Postlude

*Thank you for worshipping with us,
whether in person or on line.*

*We look forward to joining
with you again next week!*