

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, Nov 27<sup>th</sup> 2016  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

Please stand at items marked \* if you are able.

Passages in **Bold Print** are to be spoken in Unison.

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Susan Mattinson

Pianist: Min Yeong Sin Music Director: Kendall House

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

### Prelude

### \*Entry of the Bible

### Introit

Lighting the Candle of Hope (see insert) Colin Rackham

\*Hymn: "Lord of light, whose name and splendour" #769

### Opening Prayer:

Almighty and everlasting One, You break into our world in ways that are loving and transforming: In a tired and violent world, you are peace and hope. In a hectic and busy world, you are calm and rest. In a harsh and unforgiving world, you are tenderness and mercy. And so, we are moved to worship you as the one who created us, the one who redeems us, and the one who guides us. God of hope, we confess that too often we prefer darkness to light. We are easily distracted from your plans by our own plans. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbours, abuse the earth, and choose strife instead of peace. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct who we shall be. Amen.

### Assurance of Pardon

### Choir Anthem

\*Children's Hymn "Hope is a star" #119

(\*Sing last verse after Children's Time\*)

### Children's Time

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Preparation: #400 v. 2

"Spirit of the living God, move among us all; make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love: humble, caring, self-less sharing. Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!"

"Be Still and know that I am God" (Ps. 46:10)  
Please take the time before the service as an Opportunity to quietly prepare your heart and mind for worship

### Bible Readings:

† Isaiah 2:1-5

OT - Pg. 631-632

† Psalm 112

OT - Pg. 563

† Romans 13:8-14

NT - Pg. 162-163

### Gloria Patri:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

### Sermon: "Salvation is Nearer Now"

\*Hymn: "People in darkness" #124

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

### Tithes and Offerings

\*Offertory Response #661

We give thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee

### \*Prayer of Dedication:

God of the Advent, as we joyfully enter this time of waiting, we feel safe in your everlasting peace. We wait in anticipation of the coming of your Son. We hope to emulate his generosity and compassion as we share these gifts. Use these gifts so others can be blanketed with the warmth of your unconditional love. Amen.

### Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (debts....debtors)

## WE GO OUT TO SERVE

\*Hymn: "Revive your work, O Lord" #284

### Blessing

### Response:

"Go now in peace, never be afraid; God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe; reach out to others, so all the world can see. God will be there, watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

### Postlude