

Fenwick United Church

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**We need to find that child in each of us,
to be reminded of the good in humanity,
to be reminded of our own baptism
in the waters of faith.**

We bring gifts to share, with hearts open to relationship.

Hope, peace, joy, love.

**We are all renewed through the Sacrament of Baptism
and the Peace of Advent. Amen.**

Sunday, December 9, 2018
Second Sunday of Advent – PEACE!
Sacrament of Baptism
White Gift Sunday

Mission Statement:

To be an inclusive faith community in Fenwick,
practising the teachings of Jesus

* *Indicates please stand, if able*

We Gather As a People of God

The Prelude
Words of Welcome
Announcements and Parish Concerns
Lighting of the Christ Candle and Entrance of the Word

Verse 2 of MV 12 “Come Touch Our Hearts”

**Come touch our souls that we may know and love you,
your quiet presence all our fears dispel;
create a space for spirit to grow in us,
let life and beauty fill us,
come touch and bless our souls.**

* **Call to Worship:** *(responsively)*

We long to make space for God in our lives.
We look to children who see the world
with eyes of hope, peace and love,
all that God wishes for us.

Advent Wreath Candlelighting – Candle of Peace

(Candle lighters: the Looby family)

Child: Why do we light this second Advent candle?

Adult: Well, this is the candle of Peace. In our world, we are called to try to build God's dream of peace ...

Child: ... so that people stop their fighting and stop hurting each other?

Adult: That's right. Can you tell me a bit about what God's peace might be?

Child: God's peace is an inner warmth, a feeling of being loved. It's a feeling of knowing that we are all very loved and important in God's eyes.

(The second candle is lit in silence.)

Adult: Peace is a feeling of being grounded in the mystery of God. No one can fight when they are grounded in the mystery of God.

All: Amen.

Hymn MV 220 “Peace Shines as the Solitary Star”

(Sung twice – congregation stays seated)

Peace shines as the solitary star.

Faith is the inner light.

**You and I together mirror the Light of Lights,
and illumine the pathway home.**

Sacrament of Baptism

Statement of Purpose

(Please follow baptism insert)

Conversation with the Children

Children’s Hymn 56 “Jesus, Our Brother”

WHITE GIFT PROCESSIONAL

(During the singing of the Children’s Hymn, children could bring gifts to the front. If you like, pass your gift to someone to bring to the front for you.)

We Listen for God’s Voice

Hebrew Lesson: Malachi 3: 1-4

Reader: Brian Walker

Choir Anthem:

“Hymn of Advent”

- L. Larson

Gospel Lesson: Luke 3: 1-6

Sermon

We Respond to God’s Voice

Invitation to the Offering: As we are loved, let us show love for others. Let us join together in our morning offering.

* **Presentation of the Offering:** VU 459, vs. 1

**Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;
here would I touch and handle things unseen,
here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,
and all my weariness upon you lean.**

* **Offertory Prayer:** *(in unison)*

**Dear Generous God:
All good things have their origin in you.
From our small or large riches,
we have given what we could
so that our church, your Church,
might grow in this place and beyond these walls.
Accept our gifts, given in hope and love. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

We Go Out to Serve

* **Closing Hymn 29** “Hark the Glad Sound”

* Commissioning and Benediction

* **Choral Blessing:** VU 578 (vs. 2)

**We are learners, we are teachers,
we are pilgrims on the way.
We are seekers, we are givers,
we are vessels made of clay.**

**By our gentle, loving actions,
we would show that Christ is light.
In a humble, listening Spirit,
we would live to God’s delight.**

Postlude

Prayer List

Hamilton Conference:

Let us pray for First United Church, Waterloo in Waterloo Presbytery on the Prayer Cycle this week, and all those in the Fenwick congregation in need of prayer.

The Life and Work of the Congregation

Welcome to worship at Fenwick United Church. We welcome our guests, and pray that our worship time together will be a time of strengthening of spirit for the work of the week ahead. Please sign our guest book at the doors to the sanctuary and join us for refreshments and conversation in the church hall following the service.

Coffee Hour Hosts:

Marion Latham, Deanna White, Roma Koeman,
Connie Blankenburg, Janna White

Greeting you: Bill Farion and Jewel North

Children’s Ministry Leader: Linda Sharpe-Pietras

Announcements

Being baptized today – Weston Christopher Thomas Duliban, son of Jason and Jessica Duliban. The godparents are Adam and Kelly Duliban. Congratulations from the Fenwick United Church community!

Thank you to everyone who brought White Gifts to be shared with Pelham Cares this Christmas.

A Carol Sing will be held this evening at 7:00 pm at Central United Church, Welland. Our choir is joining the choirs of Fonthill, Wesley and Central for an evening of song and readings. Hope that you can join us.

Sunday, December 16 – the Choir will present the Christmas Cantata. Bethany United Church will join us for this service, followed by a potluck lunch. Please bring a dish to share. Plates, cutlery, tea and coffee will be supplied. We hope everyone will join us for this service of song, and good food and fellowship after the service.

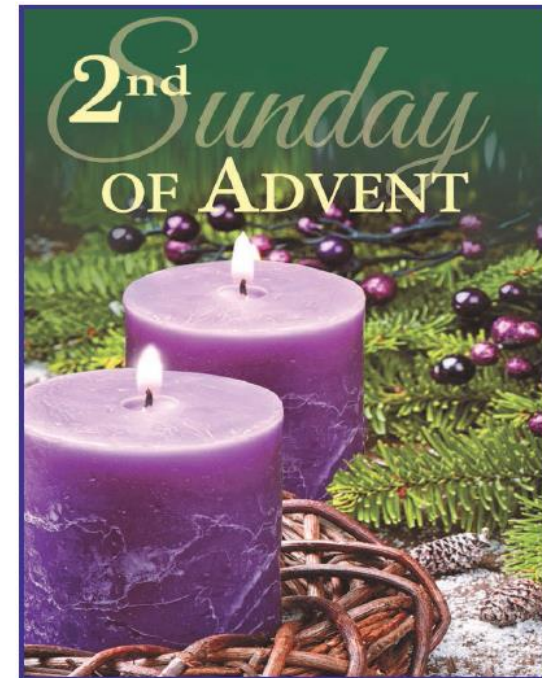
The Bell Choir will be practising for 15 minutes at 10:30 am each Sunday until December 23.

Christmas memorials – There is still time to sign up for a Christmas memorial for a loved one. Cost is \$5.00. Please see Myrna Angle.

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

- Dec. 16 11:00 am – Fenwick Choir Cantata
Dec. 23 11:00 am – Advent 4 and Christmas Eve Service
Dec. 24 NO service at Fenwick United.
7:00 pm – Christmas Eve service at Bethany United
9:00 pm – Candlelight Communion service at
Fonthill United
Dec. 30 11:00 am – First service after Christmas at Fenwick
Jan. 6 10:15 am – Muffins and fellowship in the hall
11:00 am – Communion service in the hall

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