

Advent 2 Sunday

December 8, 2024

Organ prelude: Let there be peace of Earth

Jill Jackson-Miller & Sy Miller; arr. B. Nasmith

***Hymn: There's a voice in the wilderness crying**

No. 128

Welcome, Announcements & Worship Theme

CALL TO WORSHIP:

We gather to worship as people in search of faith stronger than our fears.

We come to worship as people in search of hope more resilient than our discouragements.

We come to worship as people in search of love greater than our resentments and judgements.

We come to worship as people in search of peace deeper than the turbulence, tension and conflict within and around us.

Today we light the candle of peace as followers of the prince of peace.

Lighting of the second Advent Candle (The Candle of Peace)

***Hymn: Hope is a Star (vs. 2)**

No. 119

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.

***Hymn: Comfort, comfort you my people**

No. 113

Prayer of Approach, Confession & The Lord's Prayer

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. Amen.

The Peace of Christ be with you all;

And also with you

(Children are invited to join in programming following the Passing of the Peace)

Choir: It is well with my soul

H. Spafford and P. Bliss

Scripture Reading: Mark 1: 1-8

Erin Stone

We are listening, O God

Speak to us!

Sermon:

COMING HOME

Rev. Dr. Harris Athanasiadis

(Silent Meditation)

Choir: The Peace of God

John Rutter

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Pastoral Concern

***Hymn: On Jordan's bank**

No. 126

Benediction

***Threefold Amen**

Organ postlude: O day of peace that dimly shines C.H.H. Parry

**Remain seated if you are more comfortable*

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We invite you to join us for coffee hour and some light refreshments in our adjacent hall after the service.

All are welcome!

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OUR PURPOSE AS A CHURCH:

To become the hands, feet, voice and heart of Christ for each other and in the world.



Last Sunday to Donate to Christmas Angels

It is a tradition at Armour Heights to share the Christmas joy with those less fortunate. This year's Christmas Angels goes to support the North York Women's Shelter. To donate, scan the QR code and select 'Christmas Angels' from the dropdown menu.



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Coming Events

Sunday, December 8

Advent 2 Sunday

Presentation after worship by special guest: Steve Teekens, executive director of Na-Me-Res (Native Men's Residence) on: homelessness, healing and reconciliation (in person and online)

Friday, December 13

Armour Heights Choir
Christmas Concert, 7:30pm

Sunday, December 15

Advent 3
Special Presentation after worship by "The 519" Support program for LGBTQI+ refugees

Tuesday, December 17

Solace Service and Anointing for Healing, 7:30pm

Saturday, December 21

Pageant Rehearsal, 10am-12pm

Sunday, December 22

Advent 4 / Pageant Sunday

Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve All Ages Early Service, 4:30pm
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 7:30pm

Sunday, December 29

Special Christmas Service based on "The 12 Days of Christmas" Carol



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