



ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 8, 2019

ADVENT 2

White & Pink Gift Service



~ OUR MISSION

TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE
BY LIVING THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS:

showing mercy,
promoting justice,
offering forgiveness,
acceptance, and hope.

~



(** indicates rising in body or spirit as you are able.)
(The congregation reads in unison those items in bold print.)

Prelude

Welcome: **All are welcome in this place.**
 All are welcomed by God's grace.

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Peace

- Jennifer, Marg, Sophie & Hannah Mahaney

Singing: VU 6 A Candle Is Burning v1-2

**Call to Worship:

Prophets and preachers past and present
lay out before us the path of peace.
As shepherds hurried to Bethlehem,
as wise ones searched the night sky for a holy sign,
we too are invited on a holy quest.
Thanks be to God who invites us
and guides our steps.

**Prayer of Approach:

**O God, grant us thankful hearts today for our
choicest gift, our dearest guest. Let not our souls
be busy inns that have no place for Christ, but
quiet places of prayer and praise. Help our minds
to be places where holy thoughts pass up and
down. May you find in us fit company, a place
where the needful care of life is put away and
where a sweet space is kept for you, where adults
and children watch and await your coming. And
when you come again, may you find all things
ready and our church family waiting for no new
master, but for one long-known and loved. Even
so, come, Lord Jesus.**

Children's Church and White & Pink Gifts

**Singing: MV 213 Take Up His Song *- words & music Laura. A. Herman arr. Robin King*

**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.**

New & Announcements

Offering Invitation

Song during the Offering: *VU 18 There's a Voice in the Wilderness*

****Offertory Response:** *VU 55 v4*

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him – give my heart

****Offertory Prayer:** Star giver, Life bringer, Love shared, bless these gifts
we bring that your Light might shine more brightly, your Life be
lived more abundantly, your Love be shared more abundantly, in
Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

Response: We Pray, Come Lord Jesus

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for thine
is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Singing: *VU 5 All Earth Is Waiting*

Scripture: Luke 3: 1-6 - offered by David Duggan

The Word of God for the People of God
Thanks be to God

Message: THE PATH OF PEACE ~ Rev Sandra Cox

****Singing:** *VU 2 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

****Blessing:**

****Parting Song:** *VU 6 A Candle is Burning v.2*

Postlude:

The Story of White Gift Sunday

White Gift Sunday began in 1903 in Painesville, Ohio. The Methodist Church Sunday School had a gift exchange. The minister's daughters were arguing over their gifts. One was beautifully wrapped in gold paper. The other was roughly wrapped in old brown newsprint. The minister's wife was upset by the girls' arguing which was so different from the real spirit of giving and receiving gifts. She remembered the story about the wise Emperor of China, Kubla Khan. He ordered that all gifts he received should be wrapped in white paper. That way, all the gifts looked the same. That way, the love and devotion of the giver was more important than the gift. The next year, the Sunday School was asked to bring gifts wrapped in white. Instead of giving the gifts to one another, they were given to people in need in the community. The idea caught on and is followed in many churches today.

At Knox United Church, our white gifts go to Beacon House and families in need, where they are coordinated with gifts from other churches and used to benefit the whole community. In recent years we've also collected Pink Gifts. These are toiletries and items for women and children in shelters like Adsum House. Through giving to people we will never meet, we discover the true meaning of Christmas.

***Thank you to Paul Creaser for joining us today while
John Lindsay-Botten is away this week.***

*Greeters: Gary & Dale Fleming, Ethel MacArthur
Elder: Debbie Chisholm, Heather Robinson*

Christ's Disciples in Ministry: Everyone

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