

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ATTENTION "PAGEANT INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE" MEMBERS

The Band rehearses today from 11:45-12:15. There will also be rehearsal next Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> from 11:45-12:15 pm in the sanctuary and again December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 pm in the choir loft. Please remember to bring your instrument, your music folder, and a music stand (if you have one) to rehearsals.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAK

Please note, there will be NO Son Seekers, Youth Sunday School or Adult Bible Discussion class on Sunday, December 30. All classes will resume on Sunday, January 6.



## Welcome to Worship at Grace Bible Church

*...for by grace you are saved... Ephesians 2:8*

Order of Service December 9, 2018

Second Sunday of Advent – PEACE

### Preludes

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming	Purifoy
O Come, O Come Emmanuel	Purifoy

### Welcome

**Advent Call to Worship** (please see bulletin)

### Our Response - Hymn #126

O Come, Let Us Adore Him (verses 1 and 2)	(ADESTE FIDELES)
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Choir	Deep Peace	Davenport
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Kids' Corner – Lighting of the Candle of Peace	Dale Murphy
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Hymn #332	Blest Be the God of Israel	(AURELIA)
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Scripture Reading	Isaiah 40:1-11	Page 546
<i>Reader: The Word of the Lord. Congregation response: Thanks be to God.</i>		

Choir	Every Valley	Ness Beck
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**The Apostles' Creed – Hymnbook #14** (please stand)

### Offertory Prayer

Offertory Hymn #133	O Come, O Come Emmanuel	(VENI EMMANUEL)
(Please rise for the final stanza as the children leave for Sunday School)		

Scripture Reading	Mark 1:1-8	Page 761
<i>Reader: The Word of the Lord. Congregation response: Thanks be to God.</i>		

Duet	Prepare the Way, O Zion	???
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**Prayers of the People** Belinda and James Knopf Wilma Wiens  
Power to Change & Huskas

*Leader: Lord in your mercy. Congregation Response: Hear our prayer.  
(Youth leave for Sunday School)*

**Meditation**

Ready or Not, Here I Come Ken Penner

**Hymn #194** Jesus Came the Heavens Adoring (LAUDA ANIMA)

**Benediction**

**Postlude** Blest Be the God of Israel arr. Hustad

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Worship Leader Wilma Wiens  
Minister of Pastoral and Spiritual Care Wilma Wiens  
Minister of Music Margot Sim  
Scripture Readers Krista Labossiere, Vic Sawatzky  
Duet Sara Kreindler, David Watson  
Percussion Maggie Hiebert, Holly Peters  
Oboe Chelsey Hiebert  
Candle Lighters ???

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**Upcoming**

Next Sunday, December 16 is the third Sunday of Advent : Joy. We will hear from Chelsey Hiebert on “Choose Joy”, with scriptures from Psalm 100 and Psalm 150.

**Calendar at a Glance**

December 16 Pageant Ensemble Rehearsal 6:15pm  
December 16 Christmas Pageant – 7pm  
December 23 Congregational Carol Sing Requests – 10:20-10:35am  
December 24 Christmas Eve Communion Service – 6pm

**RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**  
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - PEACE

LEADER: Last Sunday we lit the candle of Hope. Today, we will also light the second Advent candle – the candle of Peace. We light it knowing full well that peace is elusive and, in some parts of the world, it is almost completely absent.

**ALL: Yet, we know that God is never absent from us. Even where there is war and discord... whether between countries, within families, or within our own hearts... God is present – gently leading us to new possibilities.**

LEADER: God promises that, one day, fighting will end. “Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore”. The peacemakers will be blessed indeed!

**ALL: We are a people who long for Jesus. We long for the peace of God for ourselves, our families, our communities, and for the whole world.**

LEADER: Let’s pray together.

**ALL: Merciful and loving God, in this time of preparation and planning we thank you for your hope and peace. As we wait for Jesus’ coming again, we pray for those who live in conflict, that they will be protected. We pray for situations that create conflict, that they will be resolved peacefully. Help us to be peacemakers in your name. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, so that we may walk in the light of Christ. AMEN**

Thank you for joining us this morning. If you would like to know more about who we are, we invite you to check out our website, [www.gracebiblechurch.ca](http://www.gracebiblechurch.ca)