



**St. Thomas United Church**  
 Open Hands – Open Hearts – Open Minds

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**Sunday, December 4, 2016, 10:00am**

**Advent 2**

**Theme: Growing Together**

✠ indicates stand as you are able  
**Bold** indicates participation by the people

**MV** = More Voices  
**VU** = Voices United

**We Gather With**

PRE-SERVICE CAROLS – *Pam Bazinet and the Ukelele Group*  
*(Projected)*

*It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*  
*Good King Wenceslas*  
*The Huron Carol*

**VU#44**

PRELUDE: *He Shall Feed His Flock* – by *G. F. Handel* – *Kari Orosz*

WELCOME to our Livestream Worship Service

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TREATY 7 LAND

ANNOUNCEMENTS & GREETING ONE ANOTHER

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING *(Responsive)*

Isaiah spoke of the Wonderful Counsellor, the Prince of Peace.

**His authority shall grow continually and there shall be endless peace.**

Let us celebrate our inner peace and seek peace for the world.

**Let peace embrace creation, winding like a ribbon until it enfolds the earth.**

*(light 2 blue candles)*

INTROIT: *Jesus Came Bringing Us Hope (vv.1, 2)*

**MV#33**

OPENING PRAYER: *Prayer for National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women in Canada (December 6) (Leader)*

HYMN: *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

**VU#64**

CHILDREN'S TIME – Godly Play Advent 2

*(Children and Youth are invited to join their leaders  
at one of the entrances to the Sanctuary)*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: *Christmas Island - The Strummers*

– *Lyle Moraine*

### Open Minds

SCRIPTURE: *Isaiah 11:1-10 (NRSV)*

*Scripture Reader: Lori Weller*

#### ***Affirmation:***

One: This is the witness of The Church,

**Many: thanks be to God!**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: *The Adult Choir – He Shall Reign Forevermore –  
by Tomlin/Maher, arr. Fettke*

THE MESSAGE: *We're In This Together*

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†HYMN: *Angels, from the Realms of Glory (Projected)*

**VU#36**

MINUTE FOR MISSION: *Doctor, Missionary: Florence Murray*

INVITATION TO OPEN HANDS

OPPORTUNITY TO OPEN HANDS

with our Offerings & Prayers.

*(Please print clearly and place your Prayer Slips in the wicker  
baskets)*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: *Violin Duet: Pamela Bazinet and Ruth Peach – He Shall Feed His Flock – by Handel*

✠OFFERTORY: *In the Bleak Midwinter (v.4) (Projected)* **VU#55**

✠OFFERTORY PRAYER: (*Unison, Projected*)

**Friends, we are called to welcome one another, just as Christ has welcomed each of us. Let us walk in the light of God, that we may abound in hope and peace. We bring the best of ourselves and our offerings to God's church and world.**

CALL TO PRAYER: *Hope Shines as the Solitary Star (2x) (Projected)*

**MV#220**

PASTORAL PRAYERS & PRAYER OF JESUS (*Unison, Projected*)

### **Open Hearts to Each Other and the World**

✠COMMISSIONING and BENEDECTION: (*Unison, Projected*)

**May you, God of steadfastness and encouragement, grant that we live in harmony with one another.**

**May you, God of peace, fill us with all hope and joy in believing, so that we, too, may abound in peace.**

✠HYMN: *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* **VU#35**

### POSTLUDE

Participating in worship leadership today: Rev. Tracy Robertson, Kari Orosz, The Adult Choir, The Strummers, Pam Bazinet & Ruth Peach, Don Mills, Deyelle MacDonald, Lynn & Nick Tait, Valda Clements, Lori Weller, Maxine Mendritzki, Kirsten Carr, Cathy Rivard, Mark Wagner.