

WELCOME

If you are a visitor or newcomer, our first hope is that you will experience God's love and care. Our second hope is that you will also experience our love and care. Some of us are shy and quiet. Others of us are bold and outgoing. Yet, in all our ways we want to say: "YOU ARE WELCOME!"

Offering gifts to God's service is an integral part of our worship. Many people at St. Martin's have chosen to make their offering by post-dated cheque or PAR. Others prefer weekly offering envelopes. Visitors and guest should not feel obligated to share in our offering, but if you so desire you may find offering envelopes at the entrance to the sanctuary.

MUSIC

At St. Martin's we are richly blessed by many fine musicians. We encourage you to acknowledge their contributions to worship through silence, or when impelled by the Spirit, through applause.

OUR CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAM

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Vision: To be a thriving, welcoming faith community that makes the example of Christ relevant to our living.

2nd Sunday of Advent December 9th, 2018 9:30 & 11 a.m.

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures: Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Musical Reflection

Words of Welcome

Acknowledgement of the Territory

In the spirit of reconciliation let us acknowledge our relationship with the Indigenous people of this land.

We acknowledge that we are gathering for worship on the traditional lands of the First Nations and the homeland of the Metis. We are all Treaty people bound by the understandings made in the agreement known as Treaty Six.

Community News

Invitation to Worship & Lighting the 2nd Advent Candle

God's world is a rainbow world, a joyful spectrum of colour.

Today, God speaks to us in the reddening of a refiner's fire.

We long for the Christ to bring colour to a waiting world.

Let us worship God in this season of peace.

[The red Advent candle is lit.]

We Sing "Hope Is a Star" (v.2) VU #7

Opening Prayer

God, sometimes it is hard for us to understand what you are telling us in the bible. You tell us that when you come to earth it will be like a fire that burns up bad stuff, or a soap that will make us totally clean. In this season of peace, we imagine that you want to burn up in us all that makes us want to fight with one another. You want to clean up the parts of us that are jealous and greedy. Help us to understand what you want from us and to do our best to bring peace to this hurting world.

Amen.

Lighting the Peace Candle

Sing: "Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands" (v.1) MV #173 (repeat)

Passing the Peace

Story Time with Darren

Lifting our Voices in Song "As Long As We Follow" MV#140

Pageant: "An Elf on the Shelf Christmas"

Lifting our Voices in Song: "What Child is This?" VU #74

Minute for Mission

Offering Our Gifts

Offering Song "In Gratitude and Humble Trust" (VU #544, tune #64)

In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today
to serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way.
O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ, your Son,

teach us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Lifting our Voices in Song: "Come, O Holy Spirit" MV#23

Words of Blessing

Sung Benediction "Peace Shines As a Solitary Star" MV #220 (repeat)