

Prince Edward North Pastoral Charge  
Advent 2 - Peace  
December 6, 2009

**GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

Gathering Hymn VU 315 Holy, Holy, Holy  
Welcome and Announcements  
The Lighting of the Advent Candle  
VU 6 A Candle Is Burning (verses 1&2)

Call To Worship

Christmas is coming! Christ, the Promised One, is near!  
**We will prepare for God's Holy One with worship which is warm and joyful.**

Christmas is coming! Christ, long hoped for, is near!  
**We will prepare for God's Cherished One with friendship which includes the outsiders.**

Christmas is coming! Christ, the Peace-bringer, is near!  
**We will prepare for God's Anointed One with forgiveness and reconciliation.**

Christmas is coming! Christ, beloved, is near!  
**We will prepare for God's Chosen One with compassion and sharing.**

Hymns I've Got Peace Like A River  
She Comes Sailing on the Wind

Children's Time

Opening Prayer

We come before you, Living God, as travelers on the Advent journey. As we worship you this morning,  
**Give us a song in our hearts;  
give us the Word which will sustain;  
give us the encouragement of fellow travelers;  
give us the sign of peace which Advent brings;**

**give us the will to make peace.**

For we pray in the name of Jesus, the Coming One, whose Way leads to lasting peace:

**Peace in our homes, peace within the faith community, peace in our troubled world, and peace deep within our hearts. Amen.**

Prayer of Confession

God has provided a long-promised Savior for us.

**Salvation comes as we face new realities, and leave what's past in the past.**

God has sustained a sacred covenant with the people of God.  
**We give thanks for God's gracious goodness, but we are aware that we have responsibilities for worship and for service.**

God sent John to prepare for the coming of God's Chosen One.  
**We wonder about the quality of our preparation for the coming of Jesus.**

The dawn of God's light in Jesus, will break gloriously into the world's darkness;

**We reflect on the darkness that has infiltrated our relationships, and the life of our faith community.**

*(Time for silent reflection)*

Words of Assurance

You guide our steps into the way of peace, O God.

**Peace comes, as we take the time to think quietly about the paths we have taken; the paths of forgiveness and justice seeking, the paths of self-interest and self-serving.**

Peace comes as we are prepared to leave the routine of the past, to risk and venture as Jesus did.

Caregivers In Action

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Choir

Scripture

VU 900 Song of Zechariah

Luke 3: 1-6

Sermon

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

Hymn

Woman of Wisdom

Communion See insert

Offerings of Our Life's Work

"Take These Gifts"

**Take these gifts and let them be  
Used as blessings sent from thee  
Take our lives and use us all  
For your glory and your call.**

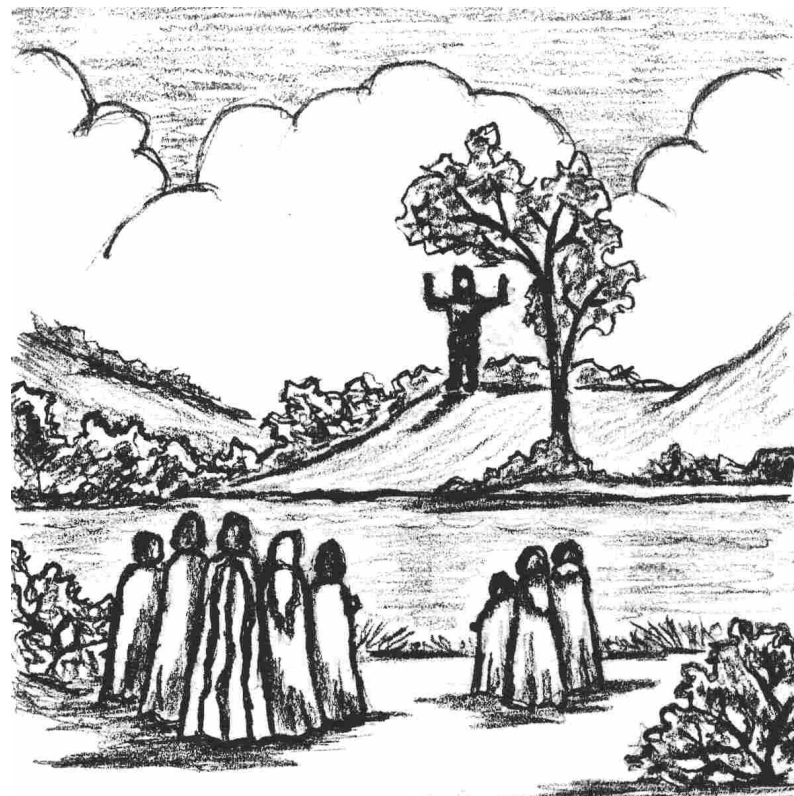
Hymn

God of The Woman

God, Whose Love Is Always Stronger

Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Amen



*"A herold's voice in the desert, crying,  
Make ready the way of our God!"*

*Luke 3:4*