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# Sunday, December 10, 2017

Second Sunday of Advent

## WE APPROACH GOD

**Prelude** - Lisa London

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Psalm 106:47*)

Save us, O LORD our God,  
and gather us from among the nations,  
that we may give thanks to your holy name  
and glory in your praise.

#### **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE** - Susan Duivesteyn

On this second Sunday of Advent, as we think about the coming of Jesus Christ, we light the candle of peace.

Jesus Christ is our peace. (Ephesians 2:14) He is the Prince of Peace, and the fruit of His presence is peace. (Isaiah 9:6; Galatians 5:22)

Christ comes to bring justice, wholeness, and harmony to every relationship throughout all creation. He wants to continually grant us peace in every situation. (2 Thessalonians 3:16)

Jesus, we pray, guide our feet into the path of peace. (Luke 1:79)

#### **Hymn: We Lift the Light of Hope, verse 2**

*(to the tune of #43 - All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name)*

We lift the light of peace, O God,  
The Lord of truth and right.  
In Your domain let justice reign  
And bring us peace in Christ.  
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#### **MISSIONS OFFERING** (please remain seated)

#251 - It Came upon the Midnight Clear

**\*SONG OF APPROACH**

#277 - Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*Ezra 9:15*)

**ALL: O Lord, the God of Israel, you are just, for we are left a remnant that has escaped, as it is today. Behold, we are before you in our guilt, for none can stand before you because of this.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (*1 Timothy 1:15-17*)

L: The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever.

**P: Amen.**

**OPENING PRAYER - PRAYERS FOR OTHERS - THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**\*SONG OF PRAISE**

#How Deep the Father's Love For Us

**TO HEAR HIS WORD**

**PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING**

**SCRIPTURE:** Luke 2:4-14; Romans 5:1,2 [*p 1100; 1209*]

Reader: Cathy Warren

**SERMON:** "Jesus Is Peace" - Jacob London

**PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD**

**AND RESPOND TO HIS WORD**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER – OFFERING**

\* #815 - Doxology

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CLOSING SONG**

#63 - All Creatures of Our God and King (verse 1)

\* Indicates where congregation is to stand, if able.

**Sermon Notes**

## ERC THIS WEEK

Sun 10th Sunday School 9:30 am  
Worship Service 10:30 am  
Mission offering

Mon 11th

Tues 12th Consistory meeting 7:00 pm

Wed 13th

Thu 14th

Fri 15th

Sat 16th

Sun 17th Sunday School 9:30 am  
Worship Service 10:30 am  
Matthew Senior preaching  
Library open after service



### PRAYER CORNER

Carly Hippern

Hennie Ryken

Nelly VandenBrink

Fred Hippern

Allan Blake

Mina Trachsler

#### PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

*James 5:16 (LEB) Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous person accomplishes much.*

**Jasper & Elizabeth VandenBos**

**Nelly VandenBrink**

**Adrie VanderLey**

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD'S BLESSINGS** to **Harriet Chepesiuk** (birthday 12th) and **John & Siska DeJong** (anniversary 13th).

**MISSIONS OFFERING:** Today we will have our final missions offering for the year. We need \$7,154 to fully fund the missions budget.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Ron & Ann Reitsma on the birth of their grandson, Zachary Joel Reitsma. He was born November 21, 5 minutes after arriving at the hospital. He is Clint & Joella's second son, joining big brother Levi.

**MISSIONARY INFORMATION:** There is a new newsletter posted for Peter & Patty Ford, and also information introducing our new missionary, John Lokeno in Kenya. Both are posted on the missions board in the fellowship hall.

**DECEMBER FOOD DRIVE:** During the month of December, we'll be holding a food drive for a local food bank. If you would like participate, please bring your donated items to the church.

**TRANSPORTATION NEEDED:** Emmanuel has been invited to host delegates from the Regional Synod for the Sunday morning service on April 22, 2018. There could be 10-15 people needing to be picked up and brought back to Mississauga. What we need is some drivers to do this. A lunch will also be served.

**Gate 3:16 Outreach Centre** located at 394-Simcoe St S in Oshawa is looking for volunteers who can spend time with our staff serving our less fortunate and homeless as volunteers. The need is great and the laborers are few to serve with brotherly and sisterly compassion those

who have fallen into the direness of poverty and hopelessness, homelessness and loneliness. Responsibilities would include helping to serve and prepare meals, clean up, conversing and spiritually caring for those less fortunate. If you feel called to serve in this manner, please call 905-432-5316 ext. 22 or email [office@gate316.org](mailto:office@gate316.org). Ask for either Rita or Alan. Many blessings of God's grace and peace.



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## Welcome Greeters

**December 10** Leo Cossen & Marinus Rensink  
**December 17** Michael & Marion Fulcher  
**December 24** Neil & Ann VanStaveren  
**December 31** Pat Pluister & Jo Veenstra

## Scripture Readers

**December 10** Cathy Warren  
**December 17** Pat Pluister  
**December 24** Lisa London  
**December 31** Susan Duivesteyn

## Coffee Fellowship

*(An extended list may be found at [ercwhitby.com/announcements](http://ercwhitby.com/announcements))*

**Dec 10** Harry & Helen Zylstra with Michael & Catherine Brady  
**Dec 17** Michael & Marion Fulcher with Trudy Van Staveren  
**Dec 24** Ken & Joanne Reinsma with Marinus Rensink  
**Dec 31** Kryn & Anne Duivesteyn with Elizabeth Raaphorst

## Nursery Helpers

**December 10** Barb DeJong  
**December 17** Cathy Warren  
**December 24** Pat Pluister  
**December 31** Kathy Wielinga

## PowerPoint Operators

**December 10, 17, 24** Tricia Groeneveld  
**December 31, January 7** Paul Hipperrn

## Sound Technicians

**December 10, 17, 24** Kevin Groeneveld  
**December 31, January 7** Chris Groeneveld