

Today's bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of
Gil Hiscock, wonderful husband, father and grandfather,
and Gilbert Hiscock, well-loved son, brother and uncle,
from all the family.

St. James United Church

December 8, 2013

Advent 2/Human Rights Sunday

Minister:	Rev. Terrie Burry
Minister of Visitation/MUN Chaplain	Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald
Minister of Youth/Christian Education:	Susan Sheppard, DLM
Choir:	Senior
Organist/Senior Choir Director:	Christine Tiller

Please remain seated comfortably until invited to stand.

Organ Prelude: <i>O Come Divine Messiah</i>	arr. Germain
<i>La Nativité</i>	Young
Introit: <i>Call To Advent</i>	Williams

Welcome & Life and Work of St. James



Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: Come together, cow and bear, lion and ox, come together,

All: Come together, every one and every thing, give glory to God.

One: Come together, nations and peoples, come together;

All: Come together, leaders and followers, give glory to God.

One: Let us prepare to be led by the liberator of all the world.

All: Let us worship God!

Opening Prayer: (together)

God who comes as a child, we gather to see You and know You today. In this Advent season, as we gather once again to prepare for the miracle of Your coming, help us enter Your paradox together. Help us see the ultimate strength in the ultimate vulnerability. Help us see how least is most, how the teeth-gnashing predatorial world we so often experience is never Your last word. Open us to Your logic-defying love this day, as we grow nearer to celebrating the Christ child bursting forth into the world. In the paradox of life we pray. Amen.

Hymn: *Be Thou My Vision*

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Time with the Children – Advent Wreath Lighting

Hymn: *There's a Voice in the Wilderness* 18

Invitation to the Offering

Organ Offertory: *The Child* Young

Offering & Offertory Hymn: *In the Bleak Midwinter* 55 v. 4

Offertory Prayer: (together)

Almighty and All-Loving one, we lift up today our thanks to You. Can we ever catalogue all the ways You have blessed our lives? More than counting, You want from us our lives, our love, our time and our talents. We dedicate those to You today. Take our very best, may it help bring about peace on Your holy mountain. With gratitude and anticipation we pray. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 11: 1-10

Responsive Psalm 72: Parts 1 & 3 790

Anthem *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* Bach

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

Hymn: *On Jordan's Bank* 20

Sermon

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn: *People, Look East* 9

Blessing and Sending Forth

Organ Postlude: *In Dulci Jubilo* Bach

Ushering this week is provided by:

Ushers in Charge: Eric King

Greeters: Ron & Lorraine Robbins

Ushers: Rev. Bill & Daphne Coish, Gus & Winona Kelsey,
Aubrey & Ruby Hill, Oliver Wellon

