

St. James United Church

December 7th, 2014/Second Sunday in Advent, Peace/Baptism

Minister: Rev. Terrie Burry
Minister of Visitation: Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald
Minister of Youth/Christian Education: Susan Sheppard, DLM
Choir: Senior
Choir Directors: Amy Dalziel, Sophia WerdenAbrams
Organists: Amy Dalziel, Sophia WerdenAbrams

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Piano prelude

Welcome and Life and Work of St. James



Introit: *I am Walking a Path of Peace*

Choir

Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: The joy of the Lord is all around us,

All: often in the midst of unexpected places.

One: And in this time of stress and expectations, we may be surprised

All: as the true wonder of this season is revealed to us.

One: The joy of the Lord is all around us.

Opening Prayer: (Congregation sings the response.)

One: So begins the journey again into Advent, a time of new beginnings, of hoped-for new experiences of God, of soul-stirring waiting for God to be born within us.

All: *I am Walking a Path of Peace* MV221

One: We begin this time by gathering, by sharing in worship, by bringing our hopes and fears.

All: *I am Walking a Path of Peace* MV221

One: Come; let us worship God in this Advent journey that will lead us to the Christ child, born in our hearts again.

All: *I am Walking a Path of Peace* MV221

Lighting of the Advent Wreath:

One: On the first Sunday of Advent we lit a candle for hope. (*Light 1st Candle*) Today we light the candle for Peace. This is the Peace we search for: Peace of the mind that enables us to think clearly, to act with confidence;

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All: Peace in our hearts that enables us to feel calm and share compassion,

One: Peace in our spirits that puts us in touch with God's love and Christ's Way.

All: Peace in our homes, Peace at work and school, Peace when we are among our friends, Peace within the family circle.

One: Peace within us.

All: Peace around us,

One: A Peace to hold us strong,

All: A peace that encourages us to work as Jesus did, for justice and sharing. Amen. (*Light 2nd Candle*)

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

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Celebrating Relationships: Circle Song, Passing of Peace, Children's Time

Hymn: *In the Bleak Midwinter, v. 1-3*

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Presentation

Parents' Baptismal Vows

Congregational Commitment (together, standing as you are able):

We have heard the will of these parents. We receive these children in Christ's name as we ourselves have been received. We all belong to the one household of Christ. We will support these parents and these children through prayer, and provide a community of faith in which they are welcome to belong. May we serve God's world together. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith: A New Creed

918

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Pouring of the Water

Action of Baptism

Allyanna Michelle Vivian Hammond, daughter of Jessica Arden Barrett & Donald Ross Hammond; **Zoë Janet Eliza Rose**, daughter of Tanya Leanne Ennis Rose & Michael William Rose; **Jasmine Elizabeth Margaret Seydell**, daughter of Marsha Maria Seydell & Michael Christopher Seydell.

Blessing: (together)

May God bless you and keep you. May God’s face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May God look upon you with kindness and give you peace.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem: *I am Becoming Peace* Choir

Offertory Response: *In the Bleak Midwinter, v. 4* 55

Scripture: Isaiah 40: 1-11

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 85 802

Hymn : *It Came upon the Midnight Clear* 44

Gospel: Mark 1 : 1-8

Anthem: *Mary, Did You Know?* Choir

Sermon

Reading : The Christmas Truce

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn: *My Life Flows On* 716

Blessing & Sending Forth

Choir Benediction: *Stille Nacht*

Organ Postlude

Ushering this week is provided by:

Ushers in Charge: Leslie Dean **Greeters:** Grace & Leslie Dean
Ushers Oliver Wellon, Eric King, Baxter Howse,
Phil Saunders, Bruce Hunt, Aubrey Hill

