

ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
11:00 am, December 16, 2018
3rd Sunday of Advent



*Please stand as you are able

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING MUSIC

"We Are Here, God is Here"
(Chancel Choir)

by P. Choplin

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Dear God, thank you that through you we can always find joy. Help us to bring joy to our world by loving others the way you taught us. Amen.

*HYMN

Dean

"A Candle is Burning"

by S.

Tune "Away in a Manger"

A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright:
A candle of **Hope** in the darkest of night.
Though troubled and worried, yet we will not fear.
Our hearts are now hopeful, for Jesus is near.

A candle is burning, a candle of **Peace**;
A beacon to signal that conflict must cease.
For Jesus is coming to show us the way;
A koha, a taonga is laid in the hay.

A candle is burning, a candle of **Joy**;
A warm glow to welcome brave Mary's new boy.
New life like a koru now being unfurled.
God's promise of Joy to an expectant world.

JOYS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER 895

***THE PEACE**

PROCLAMATION

WORSHIP WITH TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND GIFTS OF PRESENCE

Offertory Music

"Cradle Song"

arr. P. Harris

DOXOLOGY 221

"In the Bleak Midwinter" vs 4

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN

Don Ellis

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 1:18-25
(page 1, New Testament)

Liturgist: Connie Sowards

PROCLAMATION

"Immanuel"

Rev. Dr. Ed Grant

RESPONSE

SILENT PRAYER

***HYMN OF INVITATION 250**

“Once in Royal David’s City”

SENDING FORTH

BENEDICTION

***MISSION SONG**

**We’re called to be a source of hope to the world
by sharing God’s love, growing in faith, and
serving others in the name of Jesus.**

SENDING MUSIC

“Comfort, Comfort Ye, My People”

arr. M. McConnell

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