

Advent Newsletter

King City United Church

Christmas Message from Rev. Bruce Roffey

As I write this note, we are approaching the end of the Christian year. Reign of Christ Sunday is next week, and then Advent, the approach to Christmas.

I love Christmas. I am a "Christmas buff". I love all its trappings, both religious and secular. Christmas movies have already begun on TV, and they are so numerous that I need to record them on my PVR. Still, I doubt I will be able to see them all. Outside, the snow is glistening today in the bright sun. It seems more like winter than late fall. I'm really starting to get into the spirit of Christmas, even if it is a bit early.

All of us will be really busy as we always are with gatherings for family and friends, preparing Christmas communications, whether on paper or by email, buying and wrapping gifts, baking and cooking, and so much more. We can be so overwhelmed with tinsel, glitter and lights that we miss the star overhead. Mall carols can drown out angel choirs. And, of course, individual sorrow and daily depressing messages of the media can distract our focus away from the true message, "On earth peace, goodwill to all."

So, take time this Advent to be more deliberate in preparing. Take time away from the routine to experience special things. Make Sunday morning worship a priority. Worship at KCUC on Christmas Eve at 7. Read the stories again for yourself in the quiet. Meditate on the Christmas miracle and pray about what it means for you.

At Christmas, the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. Light came into the darkness and the darkness has never been able to put it out. God was in Christ reconciling us to Himself. This is good news of great joy for all people. May the miracle touch each of you this Christmastide. And may your Advent expectations and excitement be fulfilled with hope, peace, joy and love that only Christ can give. God's richest blessings to you all - Bruce

Important Dates:

1st Sunday of Advent
December 2nd
HOPE

2nd Sunday of Advent
December 9th
PEACE

3rd Sunday of Advent
December 16th
JOY

4th Sunday of Advent
December 23rd
LOVE

CHRISTMAS EVE

Monday December 24th at 7PM

Following the Christmas Eve service there will be a short service offering the Sacrament of Communion for those who wish to stay.