



# St Ives Uniting Church

2<sup>nd</sup> January 2022

## Christmas 2

### Welcome and lighting the Christ Candle

Hymn: 156 Morning has broken

### Prayers of adoration and confession

### Assurance of forgiveness

So hear Christ's word of grace, "Your sins are forgiven"

**Thanks be to God**

Hymn: In Christ alone

### Notices

Lawrence Peak

### Bible readings:

#### Jeremiah 31:7-14

Heather Lakiss

<sup>7</sup> This is what the Lord says:

"Sing with joy for Jacob;  
shout for the foremost of the nations.

Make your praises heard, and say,  
'Lord, save your people,  
the remnant of Israel.'

<sup>8</sup> See, I will bring them from the land of the north  
and gather them from the ends of the earth.

Among them will be the blind and the lame,  
expectant mothers and women in labor;  
a great throng will return.

<sup>9</sup> They will come with weeping;  
they will pray as I bring them back.

I will lead them beside streams of water  
on a level path where they will not stumble,

because I am Israel's father,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn son.

<sup>10</sup> "Hear the word of the Lord, you nations;  
proclaim it in distant coastlands:

'He who scattered Israel will gather them  
and will watch over his flock like a shepherd.'

<sup>11</sup> For the Lord will deliver Jacob  
and redeem them from the hand of those stronger than they.

<sup>12</sup> They will come and shout for joy on the heights of Zion;  
they will rejoice in the bounty of the Lord—

the grain, the new wine and the olive oil,  
the young of the flocks and herds.

They will be like a well-watered garden,  
and they will sorrow no more.

<sup>13</sup> Then young women will dance and be glad,  
young men and old as well.

I will turn their mourning into gladness;

I will give them comfort and joy instead of sorrow.

<sup>14</sup> I will satisfy the priests with abundance,  
and my people will be filled with my bounty,"

declares the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### **John 1:10-18**

George Katsoolis

<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. <sup>11</sup> He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. <sup>12</sup> Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—

<sup>13</sup> children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

<sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

<sup>15</sup> (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup> Out of his fullness we have all received

grace in place of grace already given. <sup>17</sup> For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

**Sermon**: New Year's resolution

**Hymn**: 154 Great is your faithfulness

**Offering and prayer**

**Prayer for others**

Jo McDonough

**Holy Communion**

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...And so we praise you with your people throughout the world and across the years, joining with choirs of angels and the whole of creation in the eternal hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

...With this bread and this cup we do as our Saviour commands: we celebrate the redemption he has won for us.

**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

...Awaiting his coming in glory, we pray as our Saviour taught us:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

...The gifts of God for the people of God.

**May we who share these gifts be found in Christ, and Christ in us.**

...God has us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for all people, and so we pray together:

**We thank you, Lord, that when we were still far off, you met us in your Son. He lived and died and rose again, declared your love and gave us the gift of eternal life.**

**May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we who the Spirit lights give light to the world.**

**Keep us in the hope we have in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray.**

**Amen.**

**Hymn: 626 Lord of creation**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

**Pianist**

**Rosemary Osborne**