

**WORSHIP PLAN**  
**Sunday, December 6, 2015**  
**Foothills United Church, Calgary**

**ADVENT 2 - PEACE**  
**Communion Sunday**

**1. GATHERING**

**10:05am – Piano Meditation**

*Bill Bradley plays as we gather in Advent –  
Each of us is invited to come forward  
during the piano meditation  
to light a prayer candle –  
not just as a procession before the Lord's Prayer*

**10:25am Words of Welcome & News**

*Sheila Clayden presides  
(please come to microphone with your news)*

**10:30am Lighting the Advent Candle**

*We lit the first Advent Candle, for Hope, last week.  
We light the second Advent Candle  
on the communion table.  
We sing the second verse of  
“A Candle Is Burning”  
(Tune: Away in a Manger, Voices United 6)*

**A candle is burning, a candle of peace,  
A candle to signal that conflict must cease,  
For Jesus is coming to show us the way;  
A message of peace humbly laid in the hay.**

**2. LISTENING**

**The Big Idea**

*Bill Bruce introduces the theme of the day:*

**“Communion Sunday –  
Unsettling Goods in Advent –  
Like Peace”**

**Hymn**

**O Come, O Come Emmanuel**  
*We sing, standing as able*  
**Voices United #1 verses 1,2,6,7**  
*Tune: Veni Emmanuel*

**Opening Prayer**

*Bill Bruce leads our prayer*

**Gospel**

**Luke 1:26-56**  
**Mary's Song**  
*Reader:*

**Reflection**

**“Unsettling Goods in Advent:  
Like Peace”**  
*Bill Bruce speaks,  
as we all reflect on the word.*

**Hymn**

**On Jordan's Bank**  
*We sing, standing as able*  
**Voices United 20**  
*Tune: Winchester New*

### 3. GATHERING AROUND THE TABLE

**Prayers of the People**  
*Sheila Clayden leads  
as we all offer our prayers  
of thanks and asking.*

**Lord's Prayer**  
*All may sing, seated,  
To tune in **Voices United 960***

**Offering Invitation**  
*Bill Bruce invites our offering*

**Offering & Music**  
*Bill Bradley plays as we make offerings*

**Presentation Chorus**  
**People, Look East**  
**Voices United 9, verse 1**  
*Tune: Besancon*

**People, look east. The time is near,  
of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able,  
Trim the hearth and set the table.  
People, look east:  
Love the guest Is on the way.**

**Dedication of the Offering**  
*Bill Bruce leads our prayer,  
dedicating our gifts  
and our renewed intentions  
to prepare in peace.*

### 4. COMMUNION PRAYERS

*Bill Bruce invites us to the table, ending:*  
God be with you!  
**And also with you!**  
Lift up your hearts!  
**We lift them up to God!**  
Let us give thanks to God!  
**It is right to give God thanks**  
*Bill Bruce leads our prayers... ending*  
*"...through Jesus Christ our Lord:"*  
**Amen!**

*The Great Thanksgiving begins,  
with prayers about creation, ending*  
*"...with all the company of heaven:"*  
**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty**  
**Heaven and earth are full of your glory**  
**Blessed is one who comes**  
**In the name of our God**  
**Hosanna in the highest!**

*The Great Thanksgiving continues,  
With prayers about Jesus' job, ending:*  
Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died**  
**Christ is risen**  
**Christ will come again.**

*The Great Thanksgiving ends,  
calling on the Holy Spirit, ending:*  
The gifts of God,  
For the people of God  
**Thanks be to God!**

## 5. SHARING COMMUNION

*All are welcome to share communion,  
Coming up the centre aisle,  
Dipping a wafer in a cup,  
And returning to seats by outside aisles*

*As we come, we sing, and Bill Bradley plays:*

**Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming**

**Voices United 8**

*Tune: Es Ist Ein' Rose*

*When all are done, a prayer after communion is said:*

**Glory to God,  
Whose power, working in us,  
Can do infinitely more  
Than we can ask or imagine**

**Glory to God,  
From generation to generation  
In the church  
And in Christ Jesus  
Amen**

**Recap News**

*Sheila Clayden reminds us  
What lies ahead in December*

**Hymn**

**Lo, He Comes  
With Clouds Descending  
Voices United 25  
Tune: Helmsley**

## 6. BLESSING & SENDING

**Commissioning**

*Bill Bruce sends us out*

**Sung Blessing**

**“Go Now in Peace”**

*Please join hands in the rows where you are,  
So that everyone in each row can be included,  
Sitting or standing where they are.*

**Go now in peace.**

**Never be afraid.**

**God will go with you,  
each hour of ev'ry day.**

**Go now in faith,  
steadfast, strong and true.  
Know he will guide you  
in all you do.**

**Go now in love,  
and show you believe.  
Reach out to others,  
so all the world can see.**

**God will be there,  
watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**

**Amen, amen, amen.**

**Organ Postlude**

*Bill Bradley plays  
as we gather for coffee*