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Today's Theme

In yet another contradiction, on Peace Sunday we hear John the Baptist warning the people he just baptized. How do we reconcile the Peace of Christ with the chaff burnt in “unquenchable fire”?

* Indicates stand as you are able.

The congregation shall read the **bold-faced print**.

Gathering

Lighting of the Advent Candles:

One: Peace is a star.

All: **Shining, brilliant even in the midst of war,
uncertainty, and turmoil.**

One: Peace is a state of mind, a lighter perspective, a starry view on life. We are invited to turn upward, outward, beyond ourselves.

All: **Peace is an inviting star.**

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***Introit:** VU 7 Hope is a Star, verse 2

Opening Prayer

Come, Emmanuel, into this heart we share as your people, as your body in Christ, your church. Come, Emmanuel, meet us in the frailty of our human existence. Come, Emmanuel, find us in our longing and desire for serenity and peace. Come, Emmanuel, dance with us. Come, Emmanuel, light up our hearts. Come, Emmanuel, use us to prepare the way for a new

day, where we recognize you and cherish your earth: star and soil, breath and light, this moment and every moment, your gift to each of us in life itself. Come, Emmanuel, our hope is in you.

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**Hymn:* VU 29 Hark the Glad Sound

Acknowledging Traditional Territory:

Announcements and Celebrations

Creed: VU 918 A New Creed

Word

Prayer for Illumination:

Epistle Reading: Romans 15:4-13

Reader: This is the word of the church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 3:1-12

Reader: This is the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Praise to Christ, the Word.

Meditation: Hope for the Vipers

**Hymn:* VU 20 On Jordan's Bank

Thanksgiving

Minute for Mission

**Offertory* to the tune of We Three Kings

God of Peace, we thank you again.

Through these gifts, your work we begin.

Take them, use them as you need them,

In Jesus' name. Amen. Oh....

Star of Wonder, Star of Night,

Star with royal beauty bright,

Like the Magi long ago,
Help us walk within your Light.

Dedication

Prayers of The People & The Lord's Prayer

Sending Forth

**Commissioning and Benediction:*

One: Our God of peace is always near.

All: **Let us allow God's peace to reign in our lives as we go forth in Jesus' name. Amen.**

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**Hymn:* VU 48 Hark the Herald Angels Sing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A warm welcome to those who are worshipping with us today.

December 14, 205 – 11:00a.m. – Boiestown. They will be reading the names for their Memorial Bulbs.

December 10, 2025 – Council Meeting – Boiestown – 4:00p.m.

December 11, 2025 – Nursing Home Service – 10:30a.m.

Boiestown United Church will be having their Mitten Tree again this year.

Please note that the service in Boiestown on December 28, 2025 will be at 7:00p.m. instead of 11:00a.m., as Janice Wellwood is playing for it and she has her service in the morning. It will be a service of Lessons & Carols.