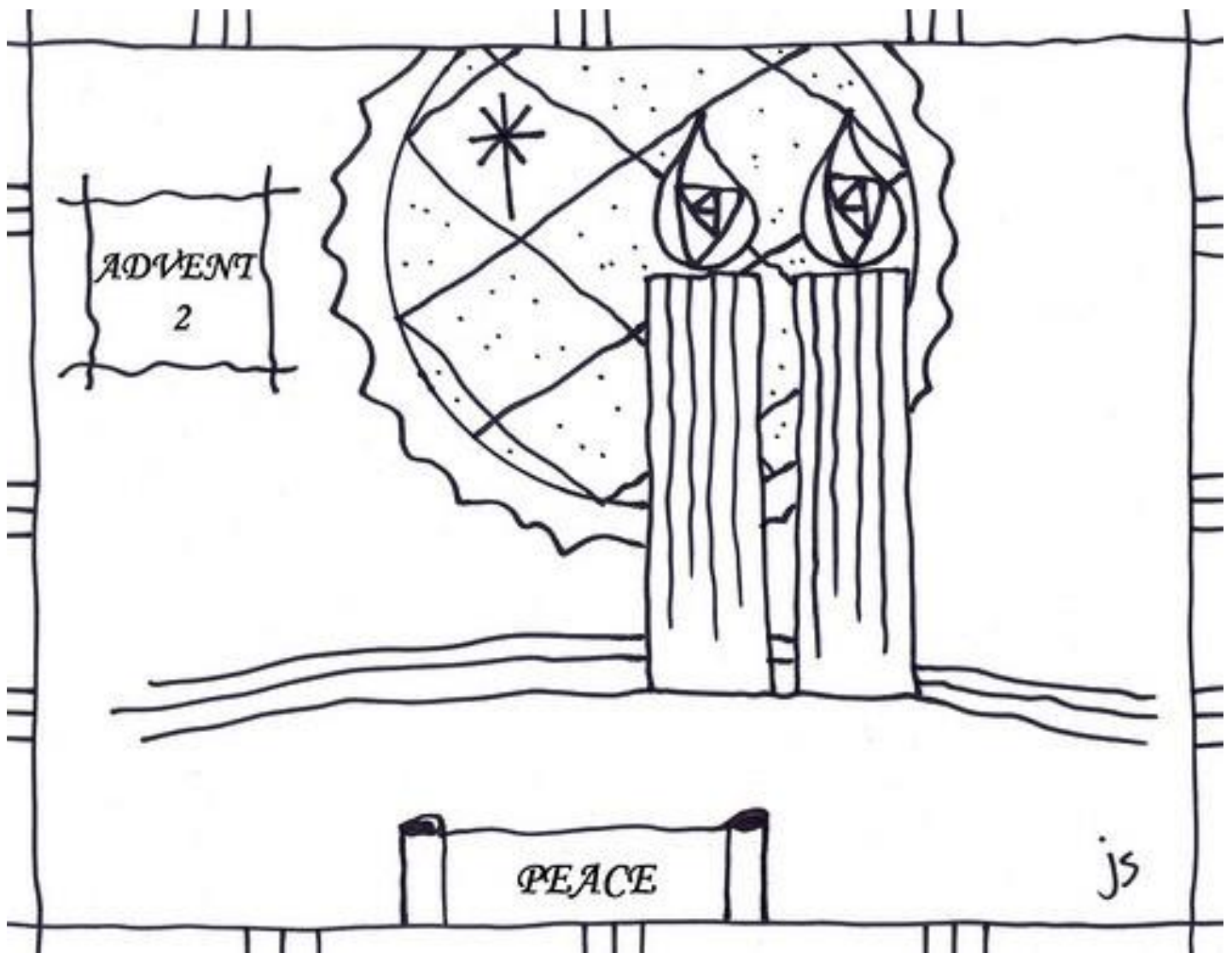


**East Camden Pastoral Charge
Moscow & Riverside United Churches**

**Rev. Phil Wilson – Minister
Elaine Williams – Riverside Organist
Charlie Pritchard – Moscow Organist**

December 9 – Advent 2
‡ ‡ Stand in body or spirit



WE GATHER TOGETHER

Musical Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Calls for Community

‡ ‡ **Statement of our Faith** – A New Creed VU 918

Lighting the Christ Candle

Lighting of the Advent Wreath: (Adapted from Jim Allan, Camrose UC)

On the first Sunday of Advent, we lit a candle for Hope.

Today, we light a candle for Peace.

(silent reflection)

Call to Worship:

Opening Prayer:

‡ ‡ **Hymn:** VU 1 “O Come, O Come. Emmanuel” (verse 1 & 2)

Call of Confession:

Prayer of Confession: (in Unison)

Refining God, you have sent us prophets and we have not listened.

we have not always determined what is best

Or made way for your reign

in our lives, our church, and our society.

Forgive us, we pray, and renew

your covenant within us,

for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Time of reflection...

Assurance of Grace:

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination:

Scripture Lessons:

† † Luke 1:68–79 (# 900)

Zechariah sings, “Blessed be the God of Israel.”

Philippians 1:3–11

I thank God every time I remember you.

Reflect & Connect: If “thoughts and prayers” seem trite, who might you consider telling “I hold you in my heart”? (Phil 1:7)

Luke 3:1–6

A voice calling in the desert

Reflect & Connect: When have you seen or experienced new life in yourself or someone else? (Luke 3:6)

(This week's Reflect & Connect questions written by Julie Sevig @ Working Preacher)

† † Hymn: VU 35 “Good Christians Friends, Rejoice”

Sermon

Ministry of Music

Minute for Mission: “Nursing in the Korean Context”

Invitation to offering:

† † Hymn of Dedication: VU 47 “Still, Still, Still”

Dedication of Our Tithes and Offerings:

We delight in your love and salvation, Lord,
there can be no greater gifts than these.

**We will gladly serve you
in holiness and righteousness.**

We offer ourselves.

We offer all that you have provided us.

May it be used to bring your light
to those who dwell in darkness.

Prepare us and complete us, Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the People: (Singing The Lord's Prayer)

WE ARE SENT OUT IN FAITH TO SERVE

‡ ‡ **Hymn:** VU 60 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Sending Forth:

May your love overflow,
rich and wholesome in the world.

**May we be found pure and blameless,
having prepared a way and a place
for the Lord in your hearts.**

May you reap the bountiful harvest of righteousness
that comes through Jesus Christ,
to the glory and praise of God. Amen.

‡ ‡ **Choral Response:** "Go Now in Peace"

Go now in peace, never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.

Know God 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

(Today's prayers sourced or adapted from Feasting on the Word, Liturgies for Year C & Ministry Matters)

Household Prayer: Evening:

Blessed are you, Lord God;
For you have smiled on us this day
and redeemed us from our sin.
Give light to all who wait in darkness
until we rest with you in perfect peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(From Feasting on the Word – Worship Companion Year C)

Readings for Sunday December 16 – Advent 3:

Isaiah 12:2–6 (VU p. 880)

Proclaim God's deeds to the nations.

Philippians 4:4–7

Rejoice in God always! Again, I say, Rejoice!

Luke 3:7–18

John warns the crowds, "You brood of vipers!"

To Ponder: How has music helped you express your emotions? What songs help you praise God?

(Source of To Ponder: Gatherings 2018/2019)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Minister's email: rev.philwilson@yahoo.com phone: 613.377.6406

Secretary's email: darcie@darciekelly.com phone: 613.777.5237

Do you have an announcement? Email Darcie with the subject "Bulletin Announcement" or drop it in her mail box at 451 Huffman Road by **noon Wednesday** to be included in that week's bulletin.

**Rev. Phil's Birthday was yesterday!
Happy Birthday Phil!!!**

Rev. Phil is available for **pastoral care**. Please call Phil at **613-377-6406** (please leave a message and your call will be returned in a timely manner) or email **rev.philwilson@yahoo.com**. Please call Phil if you know of a person in need. Phil would rather receive three calls about the same person than risk having someone's needs missed.

**East Camden Pastoral Charge has a
vacancy in the Central Treasurer position.**

**If interested or for more information please contact Board Chair,
Art Lovelace (lovelace@ican.net). Applications close at 6PM on
Friday, December 14.**

All ladies are invited to attend the **Riverside UCW Christmas pot luck lunch** on Tuesday, December 11th at 12:00 noon at the home of Corolyn Lawlor, Camden East. On. Come and enjoy friends and fellowship and a warm welcome. Need info call 613 378-2241.

Riverside Session meeting, Thursday, Dec. 13th, 6:30pm.

Rev. Phil will be holding a **Blue Christmas Service** at the L&A General Hospital on Thursday December 20, at 1 PM.

The '**Home for the Holidays Concert**' at Riverside United Church featuring professional singer **Molly Luhta** is fast approaching. It will be a wonderful evening of classical, traditional and contemporary holiday favorites followed with light refreshments afterward.

Tickets are available online or at the door.

Adult \$25, Senior/Student \$20, Children \$5

Thursday, December 20 2018 - 7:00pm
Riverside United Church, 2 Mill Street, Yarker
For more information: 613-888-5063 (Molly Lutha)

Rev. Tim Milley will be holding a **Blue Christmas Service** at Cataraqui United Church on Sydenham Road on Sunday December 23, at 2 PM.

A **Blue Christmas or Long Day Service** is a time when people, in community, acknowledge the 'blue' feelings we have at Christmas time and offer them to God.

Needle Arts Group – Meets 1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesdays at 7:00 pm at Riverside Church. Bring your cross stitch, needlepoint, knitting, quilting, whatever it may be. Sit & work & chit chat. All are welcome!

Annual Report Season is fast approaching!

Sunday, January 27: Reports Due! Please send to Darcie by email (darcie@darciekelly.com), or, if necessary, by paper. Darcie will email those who submitted last year so they have a template to work from.

Sunday, February 10: Treasurer Reports Due!

Sunday, February 17: 2018 Annual Report available on-line (a link and password will be emailed to you) with some hard copies available.

Tuesday, February 26, 7pm: Annual Meeting of Official Board at Moscow United Church

Sunday, March 3, 10:45am: Riverside Annual Congregational Meeting

Tuesday, March 5, 7pm: Moscow Annual Congregational Meeting