



Readings

Malachi 3:1-4

Luke 1:68-79

Philippians 1:3-11

Luke 3:1-6

Preaching

9am Rev Kate Dix

WELCOME TO AUC!

Please join us for refreshments in the breezeway after the service.

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Please pray for:

Leaders at Assembly, Synod and Presbytery for wisdom and discernment in making decisions affecting the wider church.

Our elders and members of the Church Council as they make decisions affecting the life of our church.

The Joint Nominating Committee and Presbytery as they seek to discern the calling of a new ministry agent for our congregation.

Many of our number who are in need of healing, comfort and strength of heart.

The youth of our city.

An end to the hostilities in Ukraine and the Middle East; and an end to the Israel-Hamas conflict; and pray that the ceasefire between Israel and Hezbollah in Lebanon holds

PRAYING FOR PEACE

Do you see my peace lily. I've taken the risk of trying again to grow one of these lovely tropical plants. My first one died – it seems I was too liberal with the water!!! This time I know better.



Curious to learn how this plant got its name, I googled and learned that its called a peace lily

because it's flowers look like a white flag of surrender or peace. So it makes a suitable symbol for peace and tranquillity, and in some cultures is associated with funerals, sympathy and rebirth.

Today, our Advent scriptures point to God's messenger who brings peace and so our prayers for today are very specifically about peace.

When you arrived this morning you would have received a cutout paper leaf and a pen. If, as the service unfolds, you become aware of a burden to pray for peace, please write one or two words about it on your leaf. There will be an opportunity after the sermon to place the leaves around the Peace Lily on the table – where it will become one with the Prayers of Intercession.

You might feel led to pray for a person who is yet to know the ultimate peace of being reconciled to God through Christ; reconciliation in your own conflicts; nations at war, or under threat of war; for world leaders, peace-breakers, peacemakers; lost children, grieving families, devastated towns, obliterated homes, schools, businesses, incomes; for the rockets to cease, the machines of war to be silent; for our Defence Force personnel and Chaplains; for God's kingdom of peace to come on earth as in heaven. Whatever and whoever God puts on your heart... God will hear your heart.

May God's grace and peace be with you all - Rev Kate

An Advent thought

We wait

God of Advent, of darkness, of waiting,
we wait ...
for the hungry to be fed,
for freedom for all,
for the weapons of war to be abolished,
for everyone to have clean water and sanitation,
for an end to suspicion between Christian, Muslim and Jew,
for peace in our world ...

God of Advent, of darkness, of waiting,
we wait ...
for your Kingdom to come.

(From Dave Broom, from [What Are You Waiting For?](#) and [Big Book of Liturgies 1](#))

Pocket Prayer Quilts

In this Time of giving, there are some people out there that think that they are alone. If you know anyone that is struggling this Christmas Season then get them a small, simple gift of a pocket prayer quilt for just a gold coin donation. If you would like one they are located in the foyer.

Marissa

The announcement of the coming of Jesus was accompanied with the instruction to Rejoice!

The Good News that a Saviour has come, that Emmanuel - God with us - has made himself known, should lead us to gratitude, to thanksgiving, to wonder, and indeed to rejoicing! There is plenty wrong with the world to grieve and mourn, but there is also a cause for rejoicing and joy. Let us not lose sight of the wonder that, as Eugene Peterson says, "The Word became flesh and blood and moved into the neighbourhood." John 1:14 MSG

"Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, rejoice!" Philippians 4:4

(From Uniting News, 3 December 2024)

Church Bulletin Bloopers

- † Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
- † Weight Watchers will meet at 7.00pm on Monday. Please use the large double doors at the side entrance.



Sunday Service 08 December 2024 Live Streaming:

We welcome and thank **Rev David MacGregor** for bringing the message to us today. Welcome to our service here and to those at home. To participate in worship, please click on the link below and sit back and wait for the service to start.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCM_yuTGxZEXsdQPd3XEQbtA/live

If you miss it, or would like to share it with someone, the recordings are on our website.

Important dates

Much is happening during the next few weeks. Note these events in your diary/calendar.

At Aitkenvale Uniting Church

Sunday 9.00am 22 December: A service of Lessons and Carols

Monday 7.00pm 23 December A Blue Christmas service

Wednesday 25 December 8.00am Christmas Day service

And don't forget

At Riverway 18 -22 December 5.30 – 9.00pm each night

Stable at Riverway



Prayer

God of Hope,
You came as a baby, one of us,
To show us the power and presence
Of love.

And you remain with us,
Your Spirit creatively moving,
Bringing light to dark places.
We are waiting.
We are watching.

Open our eyes to see
The new things you are doing.
Heal what is broken.
Revive what is struggling.
Make all things new.

Let your Church be alive
With hope that cannot die.
Let us see your goodness
And dance with joy.

In the knowledge of your promise
Which makes our hearts rejoice:
You are making all things new.

(From *Uniting News*, 4 December 2004)



entrance, to take home with you. Otherwise, please bring your eligible containers to add to the recycling bin kept in the kitchen. Every bit helps towards our Out-reach in our community.

Our church has an account number for easy recycling at the Containers for Change centres. Please find a small card on the bench at the front



Bill and Vi's jam and chutney for sale

Bill and Vi's jam and chutney are for sale again.

A jar only costs \$5. If you wish to buy a jar, they will be located in the foyer.

Large jars cost \$10

All money raised goes to the Distress Fund which helps those in need.



Offerings to date 3 December 2024

Week \$2,614.72

Budgeted Offerings \$33,440

Offerings year to date \$-36,116.57

Difference plus \$2,676.57

Donations Carpark \$10,300.10

Other Donations \$420.00

AUC Bank Details:

Bank: ANZ

BSB: 014-010

Account Number:

General Acc - 287295271

Distress Fund Acc - 287295327

Account Name: UCA Aitkenvale

Reference: Offering, Donation, (no need to include your name or any other details)



Rosters & Readings for 15 December 2024

9am Service

Preacher	Rev Matthew Stuart
Reader	Achamma Joseph
Greeters	Merle Abercrombie
Offering	Greg S & Peter P
Livestream	Don Adamson
Data	Carmen
Organ	Carmel Store
Morning Tea	Jillian Bond & Val D

Lectionary Readings

Zephaniah 3:14-20, Isaiah 12:2-6
Phillipians 4:4-7, Luke 3:7-18

AUC Prayer Network.

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If you wish to have a prayer request circulated across the AUC Prayer Network, or would like to be included in the prayer network notices, please email your request to our direct email address: aucprayer@bigpond.com, or phone Kate on: 0429 609 509.

(Important: requests for prayer on behalf of others requires their personal permission. This is due to confidentiality requirements and government legislation. Please ask first.)

