

"Ever-present God, you send many wise teachers into our lives, but we fail to recognize them because they come in forms we don't understand or accept. They are too old, too young, too uneducated, too demanding, or too truthful. They don't look, act, or smell like wise teachers. Forgive us, God. Remind us again and again that wisdom comes from the most unlikely places, at the most unlikely times.

Make us humble, call us back to you."

*..silent prayer..*

**Grant us grace. Amen"**

*(God's assurance of forgiveness and love)*

Hymn            Come and Find the Quiet Centre            VU 374  
Reflection

Closing Hymn    Herald Sound the Note of Gladness    VU 28

### We Are Sent Out

Commissioning

All: "May the comfort Isaiah promised  
go with us as we leave this time and place of worship.  
We will allow the Holy Spirit to call us into tomorrow.  
The Advent light will guide our way."

Congregational Response                                         (twice) VU 10

All: "Prepare the way of the Lord,  
prepare the way of the Lord,  
make a straight path for him, make a straight path;  
prepare the way of the Lord."

The Blessing  
Three-fold Amen  
Postlude

Steveston United Church  
Sunday December 10, 2023 10:00 am

Second Sunday of Advent



*The Candle of Peace*

We Gather as God's People

[Church Life](#)   [Reminders](#)   [Celebrations](#)   and   [Prayer Requests](#)

Lighting the Christ Candle    and the Candle for Peace  
All: "Let the Light of Christ fill this space. Amen"

We Welcome One Another in the Name of the Risen Christ  
*(please stand if comfortable)*

One: Let us walk with our neighbours  
as caregivers and truth seekers.

All: Let us engage the world around us with a concern  
for justice and compassion.

One: God is a God of wholeness and love. Christ is the  
anointed one who shows us the way of peace.

All: We will walk humbly before our God;  
we will serve one another with gladness and joy.

