

## ADVENT 2 2018

One: Peace be with you, dear brothers and sisters, and may God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you love with faithfulness.

One: We lit the first candle, the candle of hope, to remind us of Jesus, our sure and certain hope. He first came, as promised, to save the world. Jesus is with us still. Our faithful Saviour has promised to come again one day.

One: In the waiting time, our world is full of violence and war. We know too much crisis, sorrow, and pain in our own communities and in our own lives. We long for peace.

**ALL: Christ Himself brings peace to us; a peace the world cannot give or take away. Jesus Christ, who came, who is with us, who will come again, is our Prince of Peace.**

One: We light this candle, the candle of peace. Jesus is the Prince of Peace. Our peace comes from Him. *[The second candle is lit.]*

**ALL: Your word tells us, O God, that You bless Your people with peace. May the peace of Christ of Christ rule our hearts. May the peace of God, which is more than we understand, guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus. AMEN.**