

# The Eliot Church of Newton

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Second Sunday of Advent December 5, 2010

**Welcome guest!** Here is a sample of a Sunday Worship Bulletin at Eliot Church, to give you a sense of the order of service and the music of our prayer life. We hope you can join us soon in person for our 10:00 Sunday service.

Pastors Tony Kill & Karla Miller

## Thought for Reflection

Forgive us God,  
When we live our lives  
Within the lines,  
When we say  
This is the shape of our  
Work  
This is the boundary of our  
Habitation  
These are the limits to our  
Love  
These are the lines of our  
Vision  
These and none other.

Draw us beyond our patterns  
Into yours:  
Shifting, moving,  
Curving, spiraling,  
Many-colored, ever-changing,  
Stretching, pushing,  
Challenging, renaming,  
Unsettling, disturbing,  
Casting forth,  
And welcoming home.

-Jan Richardson in **Night Visions**



# Order of Service

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**Prelude**

Two Preludes on “Comfort, comfort, O my people”

Paul Manz  
(1919 – 2009)  
Gerald Near (b. 1942)

**Introit**

Prepare the way of the Lord  
And all people will see the salvation of our God.

Taizé

**Greeting and Welcome**

**Hymn**

**Now Bless the God of Israel**

**Lighting of the Advent Candles**

Leader: Last Sunday, we lit the first candle in our Advent wreath, the candle of hope. Let us light it again, as a symbol of our desire for healing and wholeness for our world. Our hope is in God’s ways of justice and peace.  
(The first candle is lit.)

Leader: Isaiah’s vision of the reign of the ‘Christ’, the Messiah, is a vision of a peaceable kingdom, where even natural enemies can sit side-by-side, and “they will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea”

Leader: We light this second candle, the candle of Peace, to remind us that we are called to be servants and subjects of the Prince of Peace, preparing the way for the Kingdom of justice and compassion that Jesus proclaims.  
(The second candle is lit.).

Leader: The prayer of St. Francis asks God to help us be instruments of Christ’s love.  
Let us say it together.

People: *Lord, make us instruments of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope;  
where there is sadness, joy; and where there is darkness, light.  
Grant that we may not seek so much to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.*

Leader: Hear this prayer of assurance from Thessalonians: “May the God of peace sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”  
(Thessalonians 5:23)

**Candle Hymn**

*Come quickly, shalom, teach us how to prepare  
For a gift that compels us with justice to care.  
Our spirits are restless till sin and war cease.  
One candle is lit for the reign of God’s peace.*

(Red *Chalice* 128)

**The Life and Mission of the Church**

**The Children’s Time**

Children are invited to come forward at this time.



## Sacrament of Holy Communion

(All who seek to follow in the Way of Jesus are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper.

This Sunday, we will receive by intinction. You are invited to come to the servers, break a piece of bread, dip it into the cup and eat. If you are unable to come up, the servers will come to you.)

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

R: God is with us

C: *We are not alone*

R: Christ is present here

C: *The Spirit moves within us*

R: Let us give thanks to God

C: *In memory and in hope*

R: Blessings be to you, Creator God...

...And now as we prepare for that child to be born, we echo the ancient cry:

O come, O come Emmanuel and lifting our voice in song, singing the praises of the ages...

Sanctus

*Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!*

*My heart knows how to say to you: Holy are you, Lord*

## The Story Remembered

### The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

## The Pouring and Breaking and Serving

### Communion Hymn

### O Come, O Come Immanuel

**Black New Century 116**

(Choir sings verses, Congregation joins in the refrain)

### Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

*God of pregnant expectations, God of Christmas promise, God of child-like hope, we have eaten and drunk from your table. May the eating and the drinking fill us with hope in a world of despair. May we be beacons of hope as we wait for the day when the world will be changed. Grant that this taste of your banquet which is to come would give us the hunger for peace and justice in our community and around the world. Amen*

### Hymn

### Keep Awake, Be Always Ready

**Black New Century 112**

### Benediction

### Postlude

Chorale Prelude on  
"Keep awake, be always ready"

J. S. Bach  
(1685-1750)

**Thank you for reading the Order of Service  
for this week's Worship Service.**

Please join us on any Sunday at 10:00 am.

No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here!