



Calling all Angels!

ADVENT 2

Brougham Place Uniting Church

December 7, 2025

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Kardlayirdi Karnungga

A Light on the Hill

Welcome to Brougham Place Uniting Church.

We acknowledge the Kurna people as the traditional carers of the land on
which our church is built.

As you wait for worship to begin, please turn your phone to silent.

Prelude

Welcome and Acknowledgment of Country

Naa marni? (Are you all good?)

Marni Ai! (Good I am)

Call to Worship

God of our waiting,

God of our anticipation,

God of peace,

we await the coming of Christ.

Help us to be aware of your presence—
surrounding, embracing, and inspiring—
in our time of worship together.

Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

We sing: *Angels from God*

1. Angels bringing, Angels giving
peace to us from our God who cares.
Angels bringing, Angels giving
peace to us from our God who cares.

Angels are around us -

Let us be aware

Angels sent to comfort

from a God who cares.

2. Angels bringing, Angels giving
peace to us from our God who cares.
Angels bringing, Angels giving
peace to us from our God who cares.

Prayer of Confession

Courageous God,
you invite us to live into our call.
You invite us to act, to serve, and to trust.
Instead of responding with a resounding “yes,”
we often hide our face.
We dig our heels in.
We look for someone else to volunteer.

Spark courage in us.
Remind us that every person is capable of making a difference.
Remind us that even when we’re scared, we are not alone.

You invite us forward.
With baby steps,
we hope,
we pray,
amen.

Words of Grace

Family of faith,
no matter where your path has led you in the past, today is a new day. So
join me in declaring this good news:
We are known.
We are forgiven!
We are sent to serve.
May we step forward in faith,
always moving closer to God’s call.
Amen.

We sing: *Look Toward Christmas*

1. Look toward Christmas!

Advent is here:
welcome December
changing the year,
whistle up, shepherds!
saddle up, kings!
chorus up, angels,
flexing your wings,

Refrain:

sing, sing alleluia! sing, sing alleluia!
sing, sing out the Story,
sing about hope and peace!

2. Set the world singing, make the world glad!

Angels bring tidings:
be not afraid!
Mary is chosen
to carry the Babe.
Jesus is coming:
Bringer of peace

Refrain

Passing of the Peace

The peace of our God be with you.
And also with you.

Community News and Notices



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Act for Peace: Christmas Bowl

Speaker: Lyn Bray

Children's Time (Exploring the Theme)

Communion

The children are invited to sit with their families.

INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to our God.

Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Let us pray:

Creator of heaven and earth,

In the beginning you set everything in motion.

With bold ingenuity you splashed the sky with light and stars, sun and moon; wind and clouds, rainbows and winged ones.

With a word you brought forth the waters, the waves, the mountains and valleys.

And you called forth our lives from the dust and called it good.

And so we proclaim this ancient song with all of the saints and angels:

Holy, holy, holy God of all that is,

All that was and all that will be.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory,

Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

...And so as we anticipate the birth of hope anew, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

...Make us one in your Son Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be Your name,
your Kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in Heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Children and Young People may go downstairs for Sunday School and Youth. Parents, you are welcome to join your child in Sunday School if you feel your child may need your assistance. Alternatively, you may wish for your child to remain with you for the duration of worship. Activity packs are available at the entrances.

We sing: It Came Upon The Midnight Clear

1. It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on earth, good will to all, from heaven's all gracious king,"
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

2. Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats o'er the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains, they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.
3. For lo! The days are hastening on, by prophet seen of old,
when with the ever circling years shall come the time foretold
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.

Scripture Reading: *Luke 1:26-38*

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

From this shines forth the Word of God.

Thanks be to God.



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We sing: *Come, thou long-expected Jesus*

1. Come, thou long-expected Jesus
born to set thy people free,
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.
2. Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.
3. Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us for ever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
4. By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Prayers of the People

Offering



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Offering Prayer

God of peace and possibility,
we offer these gifts so that they may be transformed into your good news
for the sake of the world. Amen.

We sing: *Tell Out My Soul*

Together in Song 161

1. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.
2. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name – the Lord, the Mighty One.
3. Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

Congregation Meeting Announcement

Musical Interlude

#BPUCChristmas #CallingAllAngels #morepeace

Congregation Meeting

We Sing: *Doxology*

Tune: O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all Spirit messengers below.
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Sending Forth and Final Benediction

As you go into this week, remember:
When you feel anxious or afraid,
may you look for God's spirit,
may you reach for each other's hands,
may you choose courage whenever you can.
And in all things, may you remember
that good news is louder than fear.

In the name of the one who calls,
the one who sends,
and the one who journeys with—
go in peace and
be not afraid.
Amen.

Come and share morning tea together, in the basement. There are stairs behind the organ and a ramp between the church and the car park. All are welcome!

*Thank you for joining us for worship!
If you would like to get in touch or request a prayer, please make use of the Contact Cards in the pews and next to the Offering Bowl. Alternately, you can email our Minister, Rev Linda Driver: lindad@bpuc.org*

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