

# Bayview United Church

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## Christmas Eve Candlelight and Carol Service

Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 7:00 p.m.

(\*congregation stands as able)

### Praising God

<b>Prelude</b>	"The Shepherds at the Manger"	Franz Liszt
<b>Welcome</b>		C. MacLean
<b>Solo</b>	"Balulalow"	Peter Tiefenbach Soloist: S. Vidovic

### Call to Worship

One: Welcome to this night of magic.

**All: We come from our busyness, our routines, and our obligations, to celebrate a miracle!**

One: We come to celebrate a birth, an ordinary birth, for we all began this way.

**All: But what is more miraculous, more jaw-dropping, more Wow! than a birth?**

One: Why, it is this night, when we make room in our lives for a little magic, a little joy and the miracle of God's greatest gift to us!

**All: Tonight we celebrate the birth of Jesus, God coming to us as a baby boy.**

One: Let heaven and nature sing as we rejoice that Jesus is born in our hearts once again!

**\*Carol (60)** "O Come, All Ye Faithful" vs. 1, 3, 4

### Opening Prayer (unison)

God of our imagination, we gather to hear anew the story of Your dream come true in Jesus, the Babe born in Bethlehem. But the dream did not end there; it is being fulfilled among us today wherever peace and hope are found in the loving hearts of adults, teens and children around the world. Oh God, give us the courage of Mary and Joseph, the wonder of waiting shepherds, and the voice of glorious angels as we sing and praise Your name. May our hopes, joys and dreams lift us this night, as we celebrate the good news that the birth of our blessed Jesus brings to our lives. Amen.

<b>First Lesson</b>	Matthew 1:18-23	B. Rivait
<b>Trio</b>	Venite Adoremus (Angel's Lullaby)	Linda Spevacek
	Soloists: L. Lazar, B. Haddock, P. Cookson	

<b>Second Lesson</b>	Luke 2:1-7	D. Rivait
<b>Carol (64)</b>	"O Little Town of Bethlehem"	vs. 1 & 2

<b>Third Lesson</b>	Luke 2:8-18	B. Haddock
<b>Solo</b>	"O Holy Night"	Adolph Adam
		Soloist: L. Lazar

<b>Fourth Lesson</b>	Matthew 2:1-11	E. Turnbull
<b>Carol (91)</b>	"The First Nowell"	vs. 1 & 3

<b>Story</b>	"The Tiny Star"	by Arthur Ginolfi Told by Rev. Cooper
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<b>Offering</b>	"Silent Night"	arr. Max Reger
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**\* Dedication** (tune: (74) "What Child Is This?")

**Love fills our hearts and overflows,  
Love fills our lives, expands and grows,  
Loving is how we're called to live.  
Loving is how each one can give.**

**This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
the Babe, the Son of Mary!**

There will be a New Year's Eve Day Carol Service on Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, at 11:00 a.m., to celebrate the season of Christmas and the New Year.

**\* Offering Prayer**

**Carol (38)** "Angels We Have Heard on High"

**Christmas Drama** "A Dish of Blessings" by Dianne McIntosh  
Adapted by Rev. Cooper

**Christ Candle Lighting** K. Shikaze & K. Chalmers

**Carol (67)** "Silent Night, Holy Night"  
(Please be very careful as you light & hold your candle.)

**Commissioning and Benediction**

**Choral Amen (59)** "Joy to the World" vs. 1, 2 & 4

**Postlude** "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" arr. C. Berry

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We welcome everyone to the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. May the Spirit of Christmas warm your hearts this night. Please join us for light refreshments following the service.

Thank you to everyone who has participated in the service: those in the drama, those reading, the soloists and those helping with refreshments. Thank you for giving of your time during this busy season of the year!

Ushers: B. and D. Rivait, M. Griffiths

**Merry Christmas and  
A Happy New Year!**