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Worship Service

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Christmas Eve Service

Friday, December 24th, 2021 7:00 p.m.

Moment of Silent Reflection:

Generosity is giving to others something that is of value to us. Generosity is a quality of spirit that calls us to share what we have. We also allow others to give to us. Every gift is doubly blessed, bringing joy to the giver and the receiver. Generosity helps us to give time and attention to the feelings, needs and views of those around us. It springs from a sense of abundance and gratitude for the limitless richness of life. We give cheerfully without expecting anything in return. We are receptive to blessings. Generosity encourages us to share the bounty. (The Virtues Project)
“The fragrance always remains in the hand that gives the rose.” Mahatma Gandhi

Page 2 Praising God

Prelude

“Silent Night” Franz Grüber
arr. Max Reger (1915)



Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Welcome to this holy night of magic and mystery. Faithful God, You are so close, we can feel it, like children dancing, breathless with anticipation at the wonders in store for us. We don't want to miss anything. Teach us to listen for the voice of angels and look for the signs of Your coming so that we might walk with the shepherds and kneel with the wise ones. Come and surprise us with wonder and joy this night as we celebrate and worship the One who is born anew in us this night.

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

1 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem:
come and behold him, born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God in the highest: **R**

Hebrew Reading Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 Rev. Cooper

Carol (64) "O Little Town of Bethlehem" vs. 1

1 O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

Opening Prayer (together)

God of our imagination, we gather to hear once again 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. 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

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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. Let us proclaim, "Peace and goodwill to all!" Amen.

Trio "Long, Long Ago" Julie Knowles
L. Lazar, K. Davidson, P. Tibbles Cookson
(recorded 2019)



First Lesson Matthew 1:18-23 C. MacLean

Solo "The Little Road to Bethlehem"
Margaret Rose/Michael Head
P. Tibbles Cookson, Mezzo Soprano

Second Lesson Luke 2:1-7 L. Clubine-Ito

Carol (69) "Away in a Manger" vs. 1 & 2

1 Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky
looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

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2 The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Third Lesson Luke 2:8-18 S. Yamashita

Carol (75) "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"
vs. 1 & 3

1 While shepherds watched their flocks by night
all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down,
and glory shone around.

3 'To you in David's town this day
is born of David's line
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;
and this shall be the sign.

Fourth Lesson Matthew 2:1-11 Rev. C. Prebble

Solo "O Holy Night" Adolph Adam
Soloist, TBA

Christmas Dramatic Reading Drama Team
"The Broadcast" By Michael Tatum
Adapted by Rev. Cooper

Carol (48) "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" vs. 1

1 Hark! the herald angels sing,
'Glory to the newborn King,
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;

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with the angelic host proclaim,
'Christ is born in Bethlehem!'
**Hark! the herald angels sing,
'Glory to the newborn King!'**

Christ Candle Lighting

Rev. Cooper



Carol (67) "Silent Night, Holy Night" vs. 1, 2,3

1 Silent night! Holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.

2 Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight:
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing Hallelujah,
Christ the Saviour is born,
Christ the Saviour is born.

3 Silent night! Holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light

radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Commissioning and Benediction Rev. Cooper



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

- 1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
let earth receive her King!
Let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
- 2 Joy to the earth! the Saviour reigns:
let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains

repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

Postlude "Joy to the World" I. Watts/G.F. Handel
arr. Joseph Martin

Thank you for joining our Christmas Eve Service.
We hope you felt the magic and mystery of this
special night.

Many thanks to B. Kai, J. Brooker, and R. Kunihiro
for coordinating our Zoom audio and video service.
Thanks to C. MacLean, L. Clubine-Ito, S. Yamashita,
and Rev. C. Prebble for reading our scripture lessons.
Thank you to K. Quinton, L. Lazar, and P. Tibbles
Cookson for inspiring us with their music.

Special thanks to our drama reading group, the
Watanabe family; J. Brooker; L. and K. Sumiya;
M. Saito and K. Wheeler; D. Domelle, M. Kitagawa
and K. Liddle, for being in the Christmas drama
reading. Well done!

Sunday, December 26th, Please Note: We will **NOT**
have a worship service.

**Wednesday, December 29th, 7:00 p.m. – Zoom
Christmas Jeopardy Night.** If you enjoy watching
Jeopardy, you might like to play Rev. Cooper and
Rev. Prebble's version. Test your Christmas trivia
knowledge from your own home by using our Sunday
morning Zoom link. Play individually or as a

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household. If you email or call Rev. Cooper, she will email or mail a worksheet to write your answers on.

Zoom in and join the fun!

Sunday, January 2nd, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. Epiphany Sunday, the day when the Magi visit the Christ Child. We will sing Christmas carols and have special music.

Many thanks for your financial support over the year to BUC and to the Mission and Service Fund of our United Church of Canada. Please remember to send in any final donations by December 31, 2021. Thank you for valuing the ministry of BUC.

