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## Worship Service

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## Christmas Eve Service

Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 7:00 p.m.

### Moment of Silent Reflection:

"The holiday season is a perfect time to reflect on our blessings and seek ways to make life better for those around us." – **Anonymous**

Peace on earth will come to stay, when we live  
Christmas every day. --**Helen Steiner Rice**

God never gives someone a gift they are not capable  
of receiving. If God gives us the gift of Christmas, it is  
because we all have the ability to understand and  
receive it. --**Pope Francis**

Christmas is most truly Christmas when we celebrate  
it by giving the light of love to those who need it most.  
--**Ruth Carter Stapleton**

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**Prelude**

"Santa Claus is Comin' to Town"

Gillespie/Coots – J. Liddle, trumpet



**Words of Welcome**

**Acknowledging the Territory**

**Call to Worship** Rev. Cooper and Rev. Prebble

One: Welcome to this holy night of love and mystery.

**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 and  
shout out, "Jesus is born this very night in our  
hearts!"

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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. 1,2

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.

2 For Christ is born of Mary;  
and gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep  
their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars, together  
proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the King,  
and peace to all on earth.

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**Opening Prayer (together)**

**God of heavenly angels, starry skies and a stable birth, help us to see the wonder and awe of Christmas: the wonder of children who can hardly wait, the wonder of Mary and Joseph as they felt the power of Your love, the wonder of shepherds who heard the great news, the wonder of magi who bowed and humbly gave, the wonder that God would come in such a simple birth. Help us this night to feel the wonder and to sing to Your glory. Amen.**

**Solo** "Do You Have Room?"

Shawna Belt Edwards

P. Tibbles Cookson, Mezzo Soprano



**First Lesson** Matthew 1:18-23 J. Brooker

**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.

**Second Lesson** Luke 2:1-7 C. MacLean

**Duet** "O Holy Night" A. Adam, P. Cappeau  
L. Lazar, Soprano; M. Butler, Tenor

**Third Lesson** Luke 2:8-18 Rev. C. Prebble

**Anthem** "Shepherd's Prayer" Robert Stolz  
L. Fusé, tenor recorder

**Fourth Lesson** Matthew 2:1-11 S. Yamashita

**Carol (74)** "What Child Is This" vs. 1 & 3

1 What child is this, who laid to rest,  
on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
while shepherds watch are keeping?  
**This, this is Christ the King,  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud,  
the Babe, the Son of Mary!**

3 So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
come, one and all, to own him.  
The King of Kings salvation brings;  
let loving hearts enthrone him. R

**Christmas Dramatic Reading** Drama Team  
"The Christmas Present" By D. Kai  
Adapted by Rev. Cooper

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**Carol (38)** "Angels We Have Heard on High" vs. 1,3

1 Angels we have heard on high  
sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply,  
echoing their joyous strains.

**Gloria, in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

3 Come to Bethlehem and see  
Christ whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee  
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. R

**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** "Feliz Navidad" José Feliciano  
J. Liddle, trumpet

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**Thank you** for joining our Christmas Eve Service. May the Spirit of Christmas warm your hearts this night. Please feel free to light a Christ candle during the candle lighting in the service. Please be careful.

**Special thanks** to M. Butler for singing the duet, to L. Fusé for her tenor recorder solo, and to J. Liddle for his trumpet prelude and postlude. It is wonderful to have you all sharing your love and gift of music with us this evening.

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**Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, Please note:** We will not have a worship service.

**Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, Please note:** We will not have a service.

**Sunday, January 8th, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. Epiphany Sunday,** the day when the Magi visit the Christ Child.

**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.

