

St. Paul's United Church Edmonton

December 18 2022 at 10:30

Advent Four LOVE

Music to draw us in

Call to worship and welcome

Land acknowledgment

Advent candle lighting

Grace Tessier

Luke 1:26-38 (adapted) The Birth of Jesus Foretold

Hope Shines hope, peace, joy, love

TISSANDIER MV 220

Prayer

Silent prayer followed by the prayer Jesus taught

Anthem A Child's Gift of Love

RAFFI CAVOUKIAN

Refrain:

Alleluiah

Feliz Navidad

Joyeux Noel

Merry Christmas

A child's gift of love

Feliz Navidad

Joyeux Noel

Merry Christmas

Open Doors and Thresholds Baptism Elements

The Sacrament of Baptism

Baptized today are

Dean Rombough

Nora Fay Embury

child of Elyse Embury and Dale Embury

Harriet Lee Vanderwel-Chan

child of Esther Vanderwel and Philip Chan

Pouring the water

Vows

Vows of the Congregation *please rise*

Drawn by God's love,

will you commit yourselves to these children,

pray for and support them,

and cherish their families,

nurturing them in faith and hope?

We will, in the peace of Christ.

Action of Baptism

Congregational prayer

Holy Spirit,

May Your hope, peace, joy, and love surround these children

as they we grow in wisdom and stature

in the name of Christ,

in all God's creation. Amen.

May the Road Rise to Meet You

SETTING IAIN MCLARTY

May the road rise to meet you. May the wind always be at your back

May the sun shine upon your face; the rain fall soft on your fields

and until we meet again, and until we meet again,

may God hold you, hold you in the palm of God's hand

We remember how we fit into this Sacred Story

We journey together

O Come All Ye Faithful vs 1

ADESTE FIDELES VU 60

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:

Refrain:

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

## Bethlehem

### *O Little Town of Bethlehem* vs 1

ST LOUIS VU 64

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.

## Mary and Joseph

### *Once in Royal David's City* vs 1

IRBY VU 62

Once in royal David's city  
stood a lowly cattle-shed,  
where a mother laid her baby  
in a manger for his bed.  
Mary was that mother mild,  
Jesus Christ her little child.

## Baby Jesus

### *Still, Still, Still* vs 1, 2

STILL, STILL, STILL VU 47

Still, still, still, the night is calm and still.  
The Christ-child in his crib lies sleeping,  
angels round him watch are keeping.  
Still, still, still: the night is calm and still.

Sleep, sleep, sleep: sweet Jesus, softly sleep,  
while Mary sings and gently holds you,  
safely in her arms enfolds you.  
Sleep, sleep, sleep: sweet Jesus softly sleep.

## The animals

### *Jesus Our Brother* vs 1, 6

ORIENTIS PARTIBUS VU 56

Jesus, our brother, kind and good,  
was humbly born in a stable rude,  
and the friendly beasts around him stood,  
Jesus, our brother, kind and good.

Thus all the beasts, by some good spell,  
in the stable dark were glad to tell  
of the gifts they gave Emmanuel,  
the gifts they gave Emmanuel.

## Shepherds

### *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks* vs 1-4

WINCHESTER OLD VU 75

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

"Fear not," said he, for mighty dread  
had seized their troubled mind;  
"glad tidings of great joy I bring  
to you and humankind.

"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:

"The heavenly babe you there shall find  
to human view displayed,  
all meanly wrapped in swathing bands,  
and in a manger laid."

## Angels

### **Angels We Have Heard on High** vs 1-3

GLORIA VU 38

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

Refrain:

Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
which inspire your heavenly song? Refrain

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

## Shepherds continued

### **The First Nowell** vs 1

THE FIRST NOWELL VU 91

The first Nowell the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,  
in fields where they lay a-keeping their sheep  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.

## The Magi

### **We Three Kings**

We three kings of Orient are;  
bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
following yonder star.

O star of wonder, star of light,  
star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect light.

## Following the star

### **Joy Is Now in Every Place** vs 1, 2

ESONET IN LAUDIBUS VU 45

Joy is now in every place,  
Christmas lightens every face;  
now be with us, in your grace,  
O hear us, bless us, holy Jesus.

May the star that shone that night,  
making your poor stable bright,  
fill our hearts with love and light,  
O hear us, bless us, holy Jesus.

## Blessing the offering

### **A Child's Gift of Love** refrain only

Alleluiah  
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Joyeux Noel  
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## Benediction

## Music to see us out



**Wednesday December 21**

**7:30 pm** A Pocket of Silence

Winter Solstice music, poetry, prayer, and silence  
in person and live stream  
sponsored by Day 5 – no Thursday gathering

**Saturday December 24 Christmas Eve**

**4:00 pm** Focus on Children

in person and by zoom – please request the link

**8:00 pm** Lessons and Carols

in person and live stream

**Sunday December 25**

video on our [youtube](#) channel at [stpaulsUCYEG](#)

**Sunday January 1**

**10:30 am** Communion at the New Year

in person and live stream

Thank you to everyone who shared leadership in the service today.  
Thank you also to the Prayer Shawl Ministry for the use of  
the prayer shawls in the pageant.

Rev. Dr Catherine F. MacLean and Rev. Anna Constantin

Music Director: Susan Farrell

Musician: Tyson Kerr

Livestream/AV: Kate Florian, Daniel Florian, Logan Smarch, Samantha Engler

Children's Programs: Rondy Kyle

Nursery: Denise Florian

Welcomers: Terry [Bauckman](#), Linda Breitreitz, Gail Burns, Alan [Rusler](#)