

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Announcements ~

Call to Worship ~

Leader: The angel said to the shepherds, "Behold, I bring you good news of great joy.

People: For unto us is born this night a Saviour, Who is Christ the Lord!"

Leader: O come, let us worship.

People: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth good will to all people."

***Singing: O Come All Ye Faithful** VU#60

We Approach God in Prayer: Gracious God, on this holy night comes the song of Your promise: A young woman will conceive and bear a child, and He shall be called Emmanuel, God-with-us. This is the night of radiance and of joy; this is the night of the singing of angels. Shine on, O Light, in the darkness of our world; sing, O angels, in the stillness of our hearts. Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace and good will among all. Amen.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; *those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined.*

Our Advent journey is now complete. The darkness is gone. The Light of the World is here!

Our hope has been met. Our preparations are done. Our joy has been made perfect. The love of God has come to live among us. And so, today, we light the candle of Christ.

The grace of God has appeared, bringing life to all. The long-awaited Christ has come!

Celebrating the birth of our Savior, we light this candle. Together, may we shine with the radiant light of Christ!

Singing: Joy to the World

VU#59

Scripture Readings: Luke 2: 1- 14 p. 832

Anthem: Manger Child

Reflections ~ The Light still shines

Singing: Oh, How Joyfully

VU#57

Presentation of ourselves & gifts to God

Anthem: Come to Us Now, Emmanuel

Doxology: All glory be to God on high;
And to the earth be peace;
good will to all from highest heaven
begin and never cease."

VU#75

Offertory Prayer: Lord, we offer these gifts, kneeling with those who came to the manger, to the Child Who came to bring peace, hope, joy and love to our world. Accept our songs, our prayers, and our gifts of silver and gold, as tokens of our acceptance of the Holy Child, born this night. Amen

Invitation to Communion

Anthem: Hands Shaped Like a Cradle

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Singing: Silent Night

VU#67

Benediction:

Please Pray For: Antoine, Amber, Pat Ashworth, Shelley Baumann, Bernice, Bonnie, Ian Brewster, Brigida, Carolyn, Colleen, Laura Cuthbertson, Dave, Valerie Dawson, Hugh Davidson, Dianah, Heather Downs, Eric Drakeford, Elizabeth Eastman, Jane Eason, Daryl Elliot, Karen Elkin, Aurale & Gloria Gadoury, Madeline Gagnon, Linda Gallant, George, Gladys, Hannah, Jennifer, Joan, Justin, Kristy, Lance & family, Jean-Mathieu Leboeuf, Marilyn Little, David McKeating, Laura McLean, Dennis McKeating, Michael, Mile, Cheryl Miller, Alf Painter, Teddy Pappin, Julie Patterson, Phyllis, Gail Provencher, Don Reid, Robert Robertson, Chester Ross, Lou & Joan Sarka, Sharon, Donald Sim, Reynold Skeete, Dylan Stanamir, Madeline Stevens, Ian Wiedow, John Wiwcharyk, Shirley Yarnell

Loving God, Help us remember the birth of Jesus that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

-- Robert Louis Stevenson

*May you all have a most
joyful & blessed Christmas.*

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180th Anniversary Year ~ 1833-2013

~WORSHIP~

December 24, 2013 ~ 10:00 pm
Christmas Eve Communion Service



Minister: Rev. K. Alice McAlpine

Organist & Choir Director: Doreen Gilbert Bangs
