

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Call to Worship ~

Leader: The angel's song rings loud and clear:

All: Glory to God in the highest!

Leader: For into our shadowed world,

All: A holy light is shining.

Leader: In a stable in Bethlehem,

All: A Child is born to us.

Leader: He brings us the light of hope for our future,

All: And He shall be called Emmanuel, meaning God is with us

Leader: Let us worship God Who comes among us this night.

* **Singing: *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*** VU#48

Prayer: Loving and generous God, we thank You for the joys of this Christmas: the music and the singing, the gathering of family and friends, the gifts we give and receive. We thank You most of all for Your great gift to us, the gift born this night -- Your Child Jesus. May Christ's Spirit of love fill our hearts to overflowing. May Christ's Spirit of peace be upon everyone, everywhere. Amen

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Leader: Tonight is the night for which we have been waiting.

People: The Advent wreath is completed with the Christ candle in the center.

Leader: "For unto us a Child is given, unto us a Saviour is born and the order of the world will be upon His shoulders."

People: With the birth of Christ our lives are centered, focused, turned towards God.

Leader: We light this candle. May Christ be the center of our lives. (lighting of the Christ candle)

Prayer: (unison)

Dear God, Who comes to us in Jesus, on this night remembering Jesus' birth, let the power of Christ come into our hearts that we might find peace with You forever. Amen

Duet: "Still, Still, Still": Doreen Gilbert & Craig McAlpine

The Christmas Story: Happy Birthday Jesus!

O Little Town Of Bethlehem VU#64 vs.1

Away In A Manger VU#69 vs. 1, 2

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks VU#75 vs. 1, 2, 3

Angels We Have Heard On High VU#38 vs. 1, 2, 3

Silent Night VU#67

We Three Kings

*We three kings of Orient are
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.*

Chorus

*O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect Light.*

The Virgin Mary Had A Baby Boy VU#73

Presentation of Ourselves and Gifts to God

Doxology: O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

VU#60

Offertory Prayer: O Lord, in this season of love, we express our gratitude to you. In this season of gift giving, we

give these presents to the Christ Child. In this season of happiness, may we share with joy in our hearts. Amen.

Musical Trio: "O Holy Night" Wally Walker, Keith Motton, and Doreen Gilbert

We bring our prayers to God

Singing: *Joy to the World*

VU#59

Benediction ~

The St. A's staff extends to you Christmas blessings and a desire that the New Year might also be one of deep blessings for you.

Please Pray For: Arthur Allan, Antoine, Pat Ashworth, Shelley Baumann, Barbara Batten, Bernice, Greg Blersch, Robin Blersch, Bonnie, Esther Bohlein, Tea Kinsella-Borden, Brigida, Carol, Caroline, Caroly, Rick Cessford, Laura Cuthbertson, Dianah, Milt Dodds, Heather Downs, Mary-Alice Epps, Ron Epps, Larry Falcon, Gail, Linda Gallant, Gladys, Myrna Hall, Jennifer, Fern Lafontaine, Lance & family, Roger Laplante, Marie Loch, Jemma Mahabir, Clarence Mahaney, Carrie Marchand, Marcelle, Marisa, Laura McLean, Mile, Michael, Cheryl Miller, Sharon Miller, Sandra Murphy, Ib Nielsen, Paige, Patrick, Julie Patterson, Sarah Puskas, Ella-Mae Ramsey, Bruce Rathwell, Margaret Reany & family, Cheryl Rogers, Fred Rosettani, Bruce Ryan, Isabel Saccucci, Eileen & Donald Sim, Heather Sim, Reynold Skeete, Lesley Snair, Dylan Stanamir, Frank Stark, Madeline Stevens, Jan Verschoote, Cameron Vincent, Margaret Whittal, Fred Wicks, Joanne Wilken, Clara Witowski, John Wiwcharyk, Shirley Yarnell, Sarah Zimmerman

Announcement

- A Holy Communion Candlelight Service will be held at 10:00 pm this evening. You are welcome to join us.
- There will be a family service on December 31st and January 7th at 10:30a.m.



*Lord and Giver of all good things, the magi travelled for miles to bring the Christ child the first Christmas presents. So may we, too, remember with thankful hearts the love that comes with each present we open. We also thank you for the love you have for each of us, and we thank you for the many gifts that you give us, especially the gift of life itself.
Amen*

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~WORSHIP~

December 24, 2017 ~ 7:00 pm
Christmas Eve Family Service



Minister: Rev. K. Alice McAlpine
Director of Music Ministry: Doreen Gilbert Bangs

To greet you ~

Elder: Richard Fortier
Stewards: Cliff Henderson