

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

**Prayer and Lord's Prayer:** Glorious God, wreathed in splendor, surrounded by stars and angels: How can it be You visit us contentious creatures on this tiny planet earth? Surely this is pure surprise! Who are we that You should be mindful of us? Yet, unworthy as we are, we gratefully praise Your coming through the humble maid of Bethlehem. This night may we joyfully accept her Child as Lord of the Universe and Redeemer of All. Through His wonderful name we pray. 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

**Singing: *Oh, How Joyfully* VU#57**

**Anthem: *Who on Earth Would Know?***

**Scripture Readings:** Isaiah 9: 2-7 p. 555  
Luke 2: 1-14 p. 832

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

**Reflections: "Joy to the World"**

**Singing: *Joy to the World* VU#59**

### Presentation of Ourselves and Gifts to God

**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** Grant us O God, such wonder and love, that with humble shepherds and with angels from on high, we may truly adore the Holy Child. With these our gifts and this our worship, may we also offer our lives and selves in Jesus' name. Amen.

**Anthem: *Hands Shaped Like a Cradle***

### Invitation to Holy Communion

#### Gathering for Communion:

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus; there's just something about that name.  
Master, Savior, Jesus, like the fragrance after the rain;  
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, let all Heaven and earth proclaim  
**Kings and kingdoms will all pass away,  
But there's something about that name. (2x)**

### Celebration of Holy Communion

**Singing: *Silent Night* VU#67**

#### Benediction:

*The staff of St. Andrew's takes this opportunity to extend our desire for you all to have a joyous Christmas and a happy and fulfilling New Year!*

Next Sunday, for our worship service. we hope to have an informal service in Memorial Hall, over hot chocolate, etc. and leftover goodies you might want to share. Please come and join us for a time of fellowship including some carol singing, sharing of memories, and anticipating God with us (Immanuel) going into the New Year.

**Please Pray For:** The family of Neebin Armstrong, Arthur Allan, Antoine, Pat Ashworth, Shelley Baumann, Barbara Batten, Bernice, Brigitta Blersch, Greg Blersch, Robin Blersch, Bonnie, Esther Bohlein, Larry Brazier, Leah & Chris, Liam Broomer, Carol, Caroly, Rick Cessford, Laura Cuthbertson, Dianah, Milt Dodds, Carol Epps, Mary-Alice Epps, Ron Epps, Larry Falcon, Gail, Linda Gallant, Dan Gingras, Gladys, Colette Humphries, Schofield Jackson, Jennifer, Fern Lafontaine, Lance & family, Roger Laplante, Jemma Mahabir, Clarence Mahaney, Carrie Marchand, Marcelle, Marisa, Laura McLean, Mile, Michael, Cheryl Miller, Sharon Miller, Jamie Moreau, Sandra Murphy, Don Nielsen, Ib Nielsen, Paige, Harley Parkinson, Patrick, Julie Patterson, Sarah Puskas, Ella-Mae Ramsey, Bruce Rathwell, Cheryl Rogers, Bruce Ryan, Eileen & Donald Sim, Heather Sim, Reynold Skeete, Dylan Stanamir, Madeline Stevens, John Taylor, Jan Verschoote, Margaret Whittal, Joanne Wilken, John Wiwcharyk, Shirley Yarnell, Sarah Zimmerman.



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*185<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year ~ 1833-2018*

~WORSHIP~

**December 24, 2018 ~ 10:00 pm**  
**Christmas Eve Communion Service**



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

*To greet you ~*

**Elder: Richard Fortier**

**Stewards: Andrew Ford & Cliff Henderson**