

WESLEY UNITED CHURCH

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Wesley United Church, located on Treaty 4 land, is an Affirming Ministry of Jesus Christ, nurturing spiritual exploration and growth. We advocate for justice and social action. We love and care for ourselves and our neighbours throughout the world.

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CHRISTMAS EVE EARLY SERVICE

December 24, 2019 4:30 p.m.

FAMILY CAROL SINGING SERVICE

Assisting in Worship

Reader: Naomi Beingessner

Story: Maureen Kolot

Congregational responses are indicated by bold italics.

*** You are invited to stand**

WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

PRELUDE

*WE SING VU #60

O Come, All Ye Faithful

WELCOME

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

(The Christ Candle is lit.)

Generous God, you have given us a time of preparation to receive again your gift of love and joy and hope and healing. In the birth of the child, Jesus, you have given new life to each of us.

May we experience the presence of Emmanuel, God with us, this day, and always.

Amen.

OUR OPENING PRAYER

*WE SING VU #59

Joy to the World

WE LISTEN

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:1-20

ANTHEM

Sing We Now of Christmas
by Mark Hayes

STORY

The Shortest Day
by Susan Cooper

WE CELEBRATE WITH A JOYFUL NOISE

*WE SING VU #76

See Amid the Winter's Snow

*WE SING VU #48

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

*WE SING VU #49

No Crowded Eastern Street

OUR PRAYERS

***.... Our Mother and Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.***

***Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.***

***And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:***

***For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.***

WE ARE CHALLENGED TO SHARE

OFFERTORY

***OUR RESPONSE VU #5 All Earth Is Waiting (v3)**

**Mountains and valleys will have to be made plain,
open new highways, new highways for our God,
who is now coming closer, so come all and see,
and open the doorways as wide as wide can be.**

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*WE DEDICATE OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

WE GO FORTH IN LOVE

WE PASS THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

(When the light of Christ is passed to you, please tip your unlit candle into the flame of the lit candle and then pass the light on to the person next to you with the words, "Receive the Light of Christ." When all have received the light, please remain seated as we will sing Silent Night. Following the singing, please blow your candle out in a moment of silence and wait for the benediction.)

*WE SING VU #67

Silent Night, Holy Night

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE