

# 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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## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT CHRISTMAS PAGEANT & WHITE GIFT SUNDAY WESLEY FEUD CHRISTMAS EDITION December 16, 2018 10:30 a.m.

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### Assisting in Worship

Wesley Church School, Cindy Bourgeois (Minister),  
Esther Guillen

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**Congregational responses are indicated by bold italics.**

**\* You are invited to stand**

## WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Geneviève: On this third Sunday of Advent we join together in the shadow of a troubled and broken world. A world where strife and struggle seem to be the norm.

**All: *Watching, waiting, making space for Joy.***

Abby: But we also remember the promise of joy – the joy that can surround our lives. We celebrate this season’s invitation to hold on to joy and to offer that joy to others.

**All: *Watching, waiting, making space for Joy.***

Dylan: So today we light the Candles of Hope, Peace and Joy.

WE SING VU #6

A Candle Is Burning (v.3)

A candle is burning, a candle of joy,  
a candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy.  
Our hearts fill with wonder, and eyes light and  
glow  
as joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow.

OPENING PRAYER

***...Unknowable Mystery,***

***We honour the presence of the holy in our midst.***

***May the “kin-dom” flourish among us.***

***May we have only what we need each day that all  
might have enough and more tomorrow.***

***May we be as generous in offering forgiveness as we  
have been humbled and grateful in being forgiven.***

***May we be strengthened through our trials; and may  
we face evil with courage, truth and love.***

***As we pray in Jesus’ name, may we also walk in his  
way. Amen.***

WELCOME

## **WE LISTEN**

WESLEY FEUD CHRISTMAS EDITION

QUESTION ONE

Eric

CHILDREN SING

Away in a Manger

QUESTION TWO

Hannah, Esther, Emma

GOSPEL

Luke 2:8-12 (Natalie)

Matthew 2:1-2 (Edith)

\*WE SING VU #52

Sheep Fast Asleep

1 Sheep fast asleep, there on a hill,  
grass for their bed; all is still.  
Cold winter night, the frost appears;

shepherds keep watch by their fire.  
Soft there a sound, far, far away:  
is it the stream? Winds at play?  
Nay, friend, it is the heavenly choir,  
singing throughout the spheres.

2 Star in the sky, shining so bright,  
silent and pure, wondrous light!  
What tidings brings it Israel?  
Can we new hope in it find?  
Good news it brings! 'Fear not, I pray!  
Born is God's Son, born today!  
God's gift of love to all the earth,  
our Lord, Emmanuel.'

3 Glory to God! Glory on high!  
Sing you 'Noel!' Day is nigh!  
All you who dwell on earth below,  
peace be to you, and goodwill.  
Come let us go to Bethlehem;  
follow the star, seeking him.  
Let us adore and worship still,  
in love and joy to grow.

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John A. Moss.*

QUESTION THREE

Hannah, Esther, Drew

QUESTION FOUR

Eric, Andrew, Xavier, Esther

GOSPEL

Matthew 2:11-12 (Emma)

# WE RESPOND

## OFFERTORY

\*OUR RESPONSE VU #5                      All Earth Is Waiting (V.3)

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.

\*WE DEDICATE OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

## WHITE GIFT OFFERING

WE SING VU #38                      Angels We Have Heard on High

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

***Gloria, in excelsis Deo!***

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

***Gloria, in excelsis Deo!***

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

***Gloria, in excelsis Deo!***

***Gloria, in excelsis Deo!***

See him in a manger laid,  
whom the choirs of angels praise;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,  
while our hearts in love we raise.

***Gloria, in excelsis Deo!***

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PRAYER FOR THE GIFTS

THANKS FOR COMING

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE