

## **Christmas Eve Service** **December 24, 2020 \* 5 pm**

Lead Minister: *Rev. Lori Megley-Best* | Musician: *Dianne Nichols*  
Singers: *Brian, Fay, Muriel, and Shelley*

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### **We Gather**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Anthem: *A Tiny Child Will Come (CUC Choir)*

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Hymn: \* VU 60 – O Come, All Ye Faithful (vs. 1,3)

- ① **O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem:  
come and behold him, born the King of angels;**  
*(Refrain)* **O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

- ③ **Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
glory to God in the highest: (R)**

Gathering Prayer

### **A STORY OF OUR FAITH** **LUKE 2:1-20 (A PARAPHRASE)**

#### **⌘ SCENE 1 – LUKE 2:1-5 ⌘**

##### **MARY AND JOSEPH TRAVEL TO BETHLEHEM**

*(feat. The Garland family)*

Hymn: \* VU 64 – O Little Town of Bethlehem (vs. 1,2)

- ① **O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;  
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.**
- ② **For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth.**

#### **⌘ SCENE 2 ⌘**

##### **NO ROOM IN THE INN** *(feat. The Sowerby family)*

Hymn: \* VU 62 – Once in Royal David's City (vs. 1,2)

- ① **Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattleshed,  
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed.  
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.**
- ② **He came down to earth from heaven who, with God, is over all,  
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall.  
There among the poor and lowly lived on earth our Saviour holy.**

#### **⌘ SCENE 3 – LUKE 2:6-7 ⌘**

##### **JESUS IS BORN** *(feat. The Miller family)*

Hymn: \* VU 46 – Gentle Mary Laid Her Child (vs. 1,3)

- ① **Gentle Mary laid her child lowly in a manger;  
there he lay, the undefiled, to the world a stranger.  
Such a babe in such a place, can he be the Saviour?  
Ask the saved of all the race who have found his favour.**
- ③ **Gentle Mary laid her child lowly in a manger;  
he is still the undefiled, but no more a stranger.  
Son of God of humble birth, beautiful the story;  
praise his name in all the earth; hail the King of glory!**

#### **⌘ SCENE 4 – LUKE 2:8-15 ⌘**

##### **THE SHEPHERDS ARE VISITED BY ANGELS**

*(feat. The Van Der Merwe family)*

Hymn: \* VU 48 – Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

- ① **Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King,  
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**
- ② **Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail, the incarnate deity,  
pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

- ③ **Hail, the heavenborn Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!**  
**Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.**  
**Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,**  
**born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.**  
**Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

☞ **SCENE 5 – LUKE 2:16-20** ☛

**THE SHEPHERDS VISIT THE BABY**

*(feat. The Kim family)*

Hymn: \* VU 43 – Go, Tell It on the Mountain

*(Chorus)* **Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.**

**Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.**

- ① **While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,**  
**behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. (C)**
- ② **The shepherds feared and trembled when lo, above the earth**  
**rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Saviour's birth! (C)**
- ③ **Down in a lonely manger the humble Christ was born,**  
**and God sent our salvation that blessed Christmas morn. (C)**

Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Good News of Christmas

Hymn: \* VU 59 – Joy to the World (vs. 1,4)

- ① **Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King!**  
**Let every heart prepare him room,**  
**and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,**  
**and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**
- ④ **He rules the earth with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove**  
**the glories of his righteousness**  
**and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,**  
**and wonders, wonders of his love.**

**We Respond**

Offering / Offering Prayer

**O Desire of Nations,**

**On this holiest of nights, we offer these gifts**  
**for the binding of our hearts and minds.**

**Use these gifts, we pray,**

**to spread the good news of your light and salvation for all. Amen.**

Sung Response \* VU 35 – Good Christian Friends, Rejoice (vs. 1,2)

- ① **Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!**  
**Give ye heed to what we say: News! News! Jesus Christ is born today.**  
**Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.**  
**Christ is born today! Christ is born today!**
- ② **Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!**  
**Now ye hear of endless bliss: Joy! Joy! Jesus Christ was born for this!**  
**He hath opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore.**  
**Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!**

**The Sacrament of Communion**

Invitation to the Table

Greeting

*God be with you. / And also with you.*

*Lift up your hearts. / We lift them up to God.*

*Let us give thanks to God. / It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Sanctus: \* VU 38 – Angels We Have Heard on High (vs. 1)

**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! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

Blessing the Elements

Prayers of the People / The Lord's Prayer

**Our 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,**  
**for ever and ever. Amen.**

Sharing of the Meal

Prayer after Communion

**God of new birth,**

**whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem.**

**Thank you for the meal we have shared.**

**May your gifts of love transform us**

**so that Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts**

**and shines in our words and deeds.**

**In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

Hymn: \* VU 67 – Silent Night (vs. 1,3)

- ① **Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright  
round yon virgin, mother and child. Holy infant so tender and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.**
- ③ **Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light  
radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.**

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude



*The Cloverdale Pastoral Charge staff and church family  
wish you the blessings of this Holy Season  
– hope, peace, joy, and love;  
blessings that are born into the world through the birth of Jesus.*

**\* ANNOUNCEMENTS \***

- ✝ Office will be closed from December 25 to January 3.
- ✝ Worship of Lessons and Carols will be online on our website and YouTube Channel at 10:30 am, December 27.
- ✝ Service on January 3<sup>rd</sup> will be back on Zoom with guest preacher Rev. Gabrielle.
- ✝ Please remember that December 31, 2020 is the deadline to make charitable donations to be included in the calculation of your 2020 non-refundable tax credit.
- ✝ **WAYS TO MAKE DONATIONS TO CHURCH**
  1. **Go on PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance).**
  2. **Mail them in.** Consider mailing in post-dated cheques.
  3. **Donate online from our website**, powered by CanadaHelps.
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Poinsettia Placement in our Sanctuary:



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BOB GROSSMAN  
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**MR. MERV GRIERSON**

