

**St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Thunder Bay**  
**Christmas Eve Service – Light of Light**  
**December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

\*indicates please stand if you are able

**Bolded** passages are to be spoken in unison by the congregation

Worship Leader: Rev. Joyce Yanishewski

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**We Prepare for Worship**

**Prelude**

*While Shepherds Watched*

A. Hawryluk

**Introit**

*Hark a thrilling voice is sounding*

**We Worship God**

**Light of Light**

*Words by Joel Raney*

*Coventry Carol Setting and Additional Music by Joel Raney*

**Christmas Eve – Light of Light**

Light of Light, shine in our hearts and renew our hope.

**Joy to the world, Emmanuel has come.**

Light of Light, shine in our hearts and grant us peace.

**Joy to the world, Emmanuel has come.**

Light of Light, shine in our hearts and bring us true joy.

**Joy to the world, Emmanuel has come.**

Light of Light, shine in our hearts and fill us with love.

**Joy to the world, Emmanuel has come.**

*Candle Lighting*

Tonight we light all five candles – the candles of hope, peace, joy, love, and finally, the Christ Candle, celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior. The candle of hope reminds us that in sending Christ, God sent hope to the earth. The candle of peace reminds us that peace will one day reign. The candle of joy is a reminder that we have been given eternal life and have no reason to be fearful. And the candle of love represents God's redeeming love for us, brought to earth in the form of a tiny child.

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**\*Hymn**

*Light of Light*

Voices cry out from a world in grief:

prayers of those who seek relief.

End their dark ness, hear their call for

peace on earth, good will for all.

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**Call to Worship**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

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1. Oh come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;  
oh come ye, oh come ye to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold him, born the King of angels:

### *Refrain*

*Oh come, let us adore him; oh come, let us adore him;  
oh come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

2. God of God, Light of light,  
born unto Mary, the virgin blest,  
very God, begotten, not created:

### *Refrain*

3. See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,  
leaving their flocks draw nigh with holy fear;  
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps:

### *Refrain*

4. Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above:  
“Glory to God in the highest!”

### *Refrain*

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## **Greeting and Welcome**

## **Prayers of Adoration**

## **Prayer of Confession**

**God of grace and mercy,  
you have given us the greatest gift of all, your Son Jesus,  
but we confess the pressure to give the perfect gift distracts us.  
Jesus was born in human flesh,  
but we fail to see the dignity in the human lives around us.  
Forgive us, O God,  
and help us cherish the true meaning of all you offer us  
each and every day in the child in the manger.**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

### **Carol**

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vv6,7)*

**122**

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| 6. Oh come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer<br>our spirits by thine advent here;<br>disperse the gloomy clouds of night<br>and death's dark shadows put to flight.<br>Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel<br>shall come to thee, O Israel. | 7. Oh come, desire of nations, bind<br>all peoples in one heart, one mind;<br>bid envy, strife and discord cease<br>and be thyself our source of peace.<br>Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel<br>shall come to thee, O Israel. |
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## **Prayer for Understanding**

## **The Christmas Story Luke 2:1-7**

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest,  
on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King,  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud,  
the babe, the son of Mary.
2. Why lies he in such mean estate  
where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christians fear, for sinners here  
the silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear shall pierce him through,  
the cross be borne for me, for you.  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,  
the babe, the son of Mary.
3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
come, peasant, king, to own him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the song on high;  
the virgin sings her lullaby.  
Joy, joy for Christ is born,  
the babe, the son of Mary.

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**Children's Time**

**Carol**

*The First Nowell*

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1. The first nowell the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,  
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep  
on a cold winter's night what was so deep.

*Refrain*

*Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell!  
Born is the King of Israel.*

2. They looked up and saw a star  
shining in the east beyond them far,  
and to the earth it gave great light,  
and so it continued both day and night.

*Refrain*

3. And by the light of that same star  
three wise men came from country far;  
to search for a king was their intent,  
and to follow the star wherever it went.

*Refrain*

4. This star drew nigh to the northwest;  
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,  
and there it did both stop and stay  
right over the place where Jesus lay.

*Refrain*

5. Then entered in those wise men three  
full reverently upon their knee,  
and offered there in his presence  
their gold and myrrh and frankincense.

*Refrain*

*Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell!*  
*Born is the King of Israel.*

6. Then let us all with one accord  
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,  
that hath made heaven and earth of nought,  
and with his blood our souls hath bought.

*Refrain*

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**The Christmas Story** Luke 2:8-20

**Carol**

Angels we have heard on high

**147**

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.
2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
which inspire your heavenly song?  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
3. 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.

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**The Glory of God is its Light** Revelation 21:22-27

**Reflection** Light of Light

**Carol**

In the bleak midwinter

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1. In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan;  
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;  
snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
in the bleak midwinter, long ago.
2. Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;  
heaven and earth shall welcome him when he comes to reign:  
in the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed  
the Lord God incarnate, Jesus Christ.
3. Angels and archangels may have gathered there,  
cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;  
but his mother only, in her maiden bliss,  
worshipped the Beloved with a kiss.

4. What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;  
yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

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## Prayer

### Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen**

**Choir's Gift of Music**      *The hands that first held Mary's child*

### Acknowledgment of the Offering

**Doxology**      *Glory be to God our Maker*      **298**

Glory be to God our Maker, God Redeemer, holy Son;  
glory be to God the Spirit, God almighty, Three-in-One!  
Glory, glory, glory, glory, while eternal ages run.

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### Prayer of Dedication

**Generous and loving God, your gift to us in Christ Jesus still draws us to manger and opens our hearts with wonder. Bless our gifts in his name, so that they may draw others to your love and the blessing we have found in the Holy One, born for us this night. Amen.**

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**Carol**      *Away in a Manger*      **149**

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
2. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.  
I love you, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,  
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.
3. Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay  
close by me forever, and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,  
and fit us for heaven to live with you there.

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### Candle Lighting

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.
2. Silent night! holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight:  
glories stream from heaven afar,  
heavenly hosts sing "Hallelujah,  
Christ, the Saviour is born!  
Christ, the Saviour is born!"
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.

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### Closing prayer

**God of light, tonight we celebrate the birth of Jesus. We thank you for this, the most precious of Christmas gifts, and we ask that you keep the hope, peace, joy and love of this season in our hearts, now and throughout the coming year. Emmanuel – God is with us, now and forevermore. Amen.**

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1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive its King;  
let every heart prepare him room and heaven and nature sing.  
and heaven and nature sing.  
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
2. Joy to the earth! the Saviour reigns: let us our songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
repeat the sounding joy. repeat the sounding joy.  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
3. No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found.  
far as the curse is found. far as, far as the curse is found.
4. He rules the world 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, and wonders of his love.

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### Benediction

*Merry Christmas & Blessings for the New Year*

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