

Hymn O Little Town of Bethlehem VU 64 (vs 3&4)

3rd SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 2: 8-14
The Gospel of Christ.
Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn Infant Holy, Infant Lowly VU 58

4th SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 2: 15-20
The Gospel of Christ..
Praise to You, O Christ.

Anthem Were You There on That Christmas Night Sleeth

Reflection O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Responding To The Word

The Presentation of the Offering
Offertory On Christmas Night Paxton

Dedication Verse Hark the Herald VU 48 (vs 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 new-born King!”

Offertory Prayer

Communion Hymn
Good Christian Friends Rejoice VU 35 (vs 1,2)

L: The Son of God brings us the peace of God.
P: He calls us to share this love with others.
L: Christ our Saviour brings us the joy of God.
P: He calls us to share this joy with others.
He calls us to share this peace with others.
L: Jesus our Lord brings us the love of God.
We light the candles of hope, of peace,
of joy, and of love to remind us of the gifts
that the light of the world has brought us.

Hymn God's Gift of Light (vs 5) Written by Catherine Stuart 2010
Christ candle's light which burns in our presence,
spark of our Saviour, candle we tend.
Light in our darkness, God's holy promise
with us, within us,
Christ's light never ends.

Prayer (in unison)
Thank You, God, for sending Jesus into our midst,
the greatest gift of all. May Christ's spirit
which gives us direction in our lives
and hope to the world be with us
as we gather to remember His birth tonight.
Amen.

Anthem Unto Us a Child is Born Carter

We Hear God's Word

1st SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 1:26-38
The Gospel of Christ.
Praise to You, O Christ!

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2nd SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 2: 1-7
The Gospel of Christ.
Praise to You, O Christ!



St. Paul's United Church

Christmas Eve Communion Service

*The people of St. Paul's United Church welcome you.
May there be a blessing for you in this house tonight.*

Prelude Carols of the Stable Broughton
O Little Town of Bethlehem Livingstone

Introit O Come, O Come Emmanuel VU 1 (vs 1)
**O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lowly exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

Scripture Reading John 1: 1-5

Christmas Welcome and Invitation

Hymn O Come, All Ye Faithful VU 60

Call to Worship

L: We light the candles hope, peace, love, and joy this Christmas Eve to remind us of God's gifts to us through Jesus Christ - the light of the world.

P: **Jesus is the son of Mary and the son of God,
one with us, our Lord, our Saviour, our brother
and our friend.**

L: The Son of Mary brings us the hope of God.

P: **He calls us to share this hope with others.**

CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION (Please Turn to the Insert)
Communion will be served at the Front. (If you are unable to come forward, please inform an usher and you will be served in the pew.)

Communion Hymn

Good Christian Friends Rejoice VU 35 (vs 3)

We Spread the Light of Christmas

"Jesus Christ, the Light of the world."

Hymn: Silent Night VU 67

Benediction

Minister: The light that enlivens all the world,
the light that darkness cannot overcome,
love's pure light in Jesus Christ,
shine on you and in our world this night.

All: **Amen**

Postlude In Excelsis Deo - Ellis

Gratitudes

A floral arrangement has been placed in the Sanctuary in loving memory of Ralph Dingee by his daughter Mary and grandchildren Melinda and Michael Jacobs.

A donation has been made to the Restoration Fund in memory of Ralph Dingee and Betty Stafford by Kaye Dingee.

A donation has been made to the Memorial Chimes Fund in loving memory of Marion Blackmer by her son, John and family.

A donation has been made to the Operating Fund in memory of Harold Forbes and James Cameron by Barbara Forbes.

A donation has been made to the Operating Fund by the St. Paul's Quilters.



Merry Christmas