

# EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

**December 23, 2019 Fourth Sunday of Advent**

A warm welcome to all who have joined us for worship today.

Please note this is a scent free environment. (\*please rise in body or spirit)

Prelude: *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* – R.S. Willis; arr. Doran

*Welcome and Announcements*

**\*CAROLS OF GATHERING**

congregation sings VU #60 vs 1 & 5

**Centering Time for Worship - lighting of the candles**

*Reading 1 "The Messenger of the Ancient"*

**COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS**

***Advent Candle Liturgy***

\*We sing "We Light this Candle"

**We light this candle of love, (joy), (peace), (hope).**

**Await the new life with-in.**

**May our hearts now live each day,**

**So love, (joy), (peace), (hope) can find a way. x2**

- P. Mayberry and D. Kai

Today is the fourth Sunday in Advent.

Today we light the candle of Love.

**Everything we say and do**

**demonstrates the depth and quality of our love.**

*The candle is lit*

These four flames remind us we are almost at Christmas,

that we are almost whole, that we are almost at peace.

**May we carry the compassion and light of each flame with**

**us as we continue our journey to the manger. Amen**

*Reading 2 "The Messenger of Promise"*

**BETHLEHEM PROMISE, BETHLEHEM JOY**

***Candles of Joy and Concern***

*Reading 3 "The Messenger of Favour"*

**REJOICE, ALL YE DAUGHTERS**

***Worship with the Young at Heart***

*Reading 4 "The Messenger of Salvation"*

**ALL ON A STARRY NIGHT**

***Reflection: "The Message"***

*Reading 5 "The Messengers of Praise"*

**GLORY AND WONDER**

***Offering: Angel's from the Realms - H. Smith - arr. Tim Doran***

***\*Hymn of Presentation: VU #55 (vs.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.**

*Reading 6 "The Messengers of Witness"*

**THE WONDER OF CHRISTMAS - solo: Patti Shaw**

***\*Sending Forth***

Jesus birth is soon

**Soon to be God with us**

Walk in the starlight

**Knowing that the Holy Leads us**

Go out and proclaim the good news

**Emmanuel!**

*Reading 7 "The Messengers to the World"*

**\*O HOLY NIGHT**

1. O Holy Night! The stars are brightly shining,  
It is the night of the dear Saviour's birth.  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining.  
Till He appeared, and the Soul felt its worth.  
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.

Fall on your knees! Oh, hear the angel voices!  
O night divine, O night when Christ was born;  
O night divine! O night, O night divine!

2. Truly He taught us to love one another,  
His law is love and His gospel is peace.  
God is our friend, for Christ is now our brother,  
And in his name all oppression shall cease.  
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,  
Let all within us praise His holy name.  
Christ is the Lord! O praise His name forever  
O night divine, O night when Christ was born;  
O night divine! O night, O night divine!

### **In Appreciation**

**Reader:** Jim Glynn   **Music:** Arlene Gray & EUC Choir

**Minister:** All the Congregation and Rev. Don Uhryniw

**AV & PPT:** Deb Donovan & Brian James

**Refreshments:** Robert Moreton & David Darling

**Elevator:** Kathy Gillis   **Ushers & Greeters:** Joan Bark

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