

EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

December 24, 2019

Christmas Eve

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:

**Processional Hymn: VU 60 "O Come All Ye Faithful"*

Joining the Throng

A Christmas Prayer: VU 53

**Eternal God, in Jesus Christ your light shines in our darkness,
giving joy in our sorrow and presence in our loneliness.**

**Fill us with the mystery of your Word made flesh,
until our hearts overflow with praise and joy,
for he is the beginning and the end of all that exists,
living forevermore. Amen.**

Lighting of the Christmas Candle-Jesus

(The four blue candles are lit)

In the stillness and expectation of this night we light this Christmas candle. We know that we are called to be the light of Christ in the world.

The candle is lit

The evangelist John reminds us that he, and us, are called to testify to the Light.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it.

**Hymn: VU 69 "Away in a Manger"*

Hearing the Story: A Christmas Pageant

The Readings:

Luke 1.26-38

Luke 2.8-16

Luke 2.1-7

Matthew 1.18-25

Matthew 2.1-12

Hymn: VU 48 Hark! the Herald Angel's Sing

Living the Story

Offering:

Prayer of Dedication

Creator, in the stillness of this moment and in the light of this night, we offer these gifts in thanksgiving for the love given to us. May we carry a spirit of generosity each and every day, and may our hearts soften when faced with the hardness of injustice. We give thanks for this Christmas light. In the name of the child born, we make this prayer. Amen.

**Hymn* VU 43 "Go, Tell it on the Mountain"

Christmas Communion

The Invitation

Communion Hymn: VU 74 "What Child is This?"

The Peace

Communion Prayer (See insert)

Fraction and Distribution

Special Music: Duet - Shelly Joyes and Patti Shaw

"Carol for Advent" - Ed. Jean Anne Shafferman

A Prayer for Parting

We pray that we may carry the wonderful mystery of this night in our hearts and in our hopes each and every day. Amen.

**Hymn:* VU 67 "Silent Night, Holy Night"

(During the hymn, please light your candles)

In Appreciation

Minister: All the Congregation and Rev. Don Uhryniw

Music: Christine Admiral and the Choir

Thank You to Ushers, Greeters, Elevator Monitors,
Offertory Collectors, Refreshment Angels,
Pageant readers and characters.

Communion Servers: Gloria & Joe Tompkins,
Frankie Schilke & Christine Lewis

AV: Ted Shaw *PowerPoint:* Patti Shaw

**ON BEHALF OF EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH,
MAY THE MIRACLE OF THE MANGER WALK
WITH YOU EACH DAY.**

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of the Mississauga People of the Anishnaabe Nation*