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**Christmas Eve**  
**Rideau Park United Church**  
**December 24, 2019 – 6:30 pm**



## Christmas Eve Service

### GATHERING

Prelude:

Call to Worship

**\*Carol: 60 VU**

**O Come All Ye Faithful**

Adeste Fideles

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;  
O Come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,  
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

God of God, light of light,  
Lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb;  
Very God, begotten, not created;  
O Come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,  
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above;  
Glory to God in the highest:  
O Come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,  
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

### CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHTING:

Grace Xin, Daniel Stripinis, Irene Stripinis, and Francine Stripinis

#### **Christ Candle:**

ONE: O God of ordinary places, we wonder if we might have missed your birth, had we been there. If the stable was too far out of our way, if the dark too scary.

TWO: If the animals were too noisy, or the shepherds too rough. If we would have been looking for trumpets and crowns, not unlikely mangers.

ONE: May we see your Christ-light tonight, and let it guide us in ways of faith.

**ALL: The light of Christ is to be shared, love's pure light. Welcome, Baby Jesus!**

*The Christ candle is lit.*

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**He rules the earth with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
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Prayers of the People: Carolyn Kelman and Nancy Sheroman-Strome

**\*Carol: 67 VU**

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Round yon virgin, mother and child.  
Holy infant, so tender and mild.  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.**

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glories stream from heaven afar,  
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Benediction

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**THE GOOD NEWS OF CHRISTMAS IN STORY AND SONG**

**\*Carol: 48 VU**

**Hark the Herald Angels Sing**

**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!"**

**Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n 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!"**

Cherubs and Kinderpraise  
*Director: Heather Ingrams*

Il est Né /He is born

Reading: Luke 1: 26-33

Reader: Haden Hopkin

Note-Able Sound Chimes: "Silent Night" arr. D. E. Wagner  
*Directed by: Andrea Laliberté and Assisted by: members of Grace Notes Teen Bells*

Reading: Luke 1: 34-38

Reader: Hailey Laliberté

**Carol 64 VU**

**O Little Town of Bethlehem - verses 1 and 4**

**O Little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by;  
Yet in the dark streets shineth the everlasting light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.**

**O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray:  
Cast out our sin, and enter in; be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels, the great glad tidings tell;**

Reading : Luke 2: 1-7

Reader: Allyson Hopkin

Joyful Noise/ Xpression:

“The Little Drummer Boy”

Director: Iain Macpherson

Reading: Luke 2: 8-14

Reader: Cameron Lockhart

**\* Carol: 38 VU**

**Away in the Manger**

**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.**

**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.**

**Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay  
close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,  
And fit us for heaven, to live with you there.**

Reading : Luke 2: 15-20

Reader: Jessica Roebuck (French Reading)

Grace Notes:

“We Three Kings - with Attitude”

arr.Valerie Stephenson

*Directed by: Andrea Laliberté Assisted by: Erin Brunet-Decaire and Merina Shulist*

Offering

**\*Offertory Response: 59 VU**

**Joy to the World**

**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.**