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You are...Wanted...Included...Affirmed

Christmas Eve, December 24, 2025 – 7 PM
Theme: Incarnation Story

† indicates stand as you are able

MV = More Voices

Bold indicates participation by the people

VU = Voices United

Core Values: Living Faith - Inclusive Fellowship
Joyful Service – Being Anti-Racist – Affirming All



GATHERING AS COMMUNITY

PRELUDE

WELCOME & TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

[Sandy leads from Pulpit]

Hadih, Bundada honzoo, Welcome in the name of The Christ.

All: Welcome to this place of worship, situated on the Ancestral and unceded lands of the Lheidli T'enneh people.

Welcome to this place of blessing, this space of grace, and this holy sanctuary.

This place where we discern how to live into the way of Jesus.

All: We gather this evening to share in song, word, and prayer, to publicly, intentionally, and explicitly affirm that we are all an expression of the divine's holy light.

Be welcomed.

All: Be present.

Be a blessing.

LIFE & MINISTRY (Announcements)

OPENING HYMN: O Come all ye Faithful (Verses 1 & 2)
VU#60

THE PEACE OF CHRIST SHARED WITH ALL

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you.

LEARNING AND SPEAKING PEACE – Lheidli Dakelh

Peace of Christ be with you – Dez-ghel nawhulh 'unt'oh

And also with you – Cha nyulh 'unt'oh

CANDLES OF ADVENT – Christ Light

**All: Jesus brings hope for the future,
peace like a river,
joy everlasting, and
love for all.**

**Christmas is the beginning of this new world, a better world,
that we are boldly invited to create together
as followers of the Christ child.**

SUNG RESPONSE: A Candle Is Burning VU#6

GROUNDING IN THE HOLY ONE

EMBRACING GOD'S LOVE AND GRACE (Responsive)

Family of faith,

the angels are singing: "unto *you*, a child is born."

So hear and believe the good news of the Gospel:

You are seen. You are claimed. You are celebrated. You are loved.

Glory to God in the highest heaven!

Glory to God here and now.

Alleluia! Amen

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 9: 2 – 6

† HYMN: *What Child is This* VU#74

MONOLOGUE: The Innkeeper – Janet Thwaites

HYMN: *O Little Town of Bethlehem, Verses 1,2,3* **VU#64**

READING: Luke 2:1-7 (NIV)

MONOLOGUE: Joseph – Ethan Taite

HYMN: *Away in a Manger* **VU#6**

READING: Luke 2: 8-19 (NIV)

MONOLOGUE: Mary– Erica Cole

DUET: *Lullaby to a Rose* – Roberta and Sandy Long

AFFIRMATION OF CHRISTMAS FAITH (Unison)

We believe that on a night like this one,
a baby was born and placed in a manger.
We believe that baby was God's love in the flesh,
who grew up to love the outcast and change the world.
We believe that Jesus' love was so big and so personal
that the world will never be the same.
So despite the mystery of this holy night,
we believe that a star shone,
that the shepherds ran,
that the angels sang,
and that love was born.
Yes, we believe it when the prophets say
that unto you,
unto *us*, a saviour is born.
Glory to God in the highest heaven!

† **HYMN:** *Silent Night* **VU#67**

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS, OURSELVES, AND THE WORLD

SOLO: *Carol of the Birds* – Robin Norman

BEING THE CHURCH THROUGH SERVICE

SHARING OUR GIFTS FOR MINISTRY

OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison)

Listening God, we know that you are constantly speaking to us. Through music, scripture, nature, and relationships, you make yourself known again and again. In gratitude, we long to return the favour. In gratitude, we long to meet you halfway. In gratitude for the opportunity of new beginnings, we bring these expressions of our commitment to the ministry you've entrusted to us. Use them and us to be incarnations of your love in the world. Amen.

† **HYMN:** *As With Gladness Men of Old, Verses 1,2,3* **VU#81**

†**COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION**

†**HYMN:** *Joy to the World* **VU#59**

POSTLUDE

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP LEADERSHIP TODAY:

Worship Leaders: Sandy and Roberta Long; The Innkeeper: Janet Thwaites; Joseph: Ethan Tait; Mary: Erica Cole; Soloist: Robin Norman; Readers: Pam Boulding, Clair Meger, Sharon Taylor; Pianist – Vic Steblin; Digital Ministry – Rebecca Fillier and Fya Garbutt



