

Sunset United Church

An Affirming Ministry of the United Church of Canada

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Choir Leader: Nancy Edwards

Pianists: Shirley Hill and Kevin Petrychyn

Worship Hosts: Susan & Howard Yea,
Janice & Ken Dockham

Candle-Lighters: Jolene Mosquito

Reader: Susan Yea

Coffee: Jeannie & Rick McKillop

MINISTERS: ALL OF US!

With Michael Webster and Michelle McConkey

We pray that our worship is both 'child & adult friendly'.

As we worship, we give thanks to the Creator for the Earth, and we honour the Saulteaux, the Cree, and other Aboriginal peoples upon whose traditional land, now defined as Treaty 4, we gather.

WE GATHER

Prelude

Gathering Hymn: "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

VU 36 * (*words on screens*)

Lighting the Advent Candle

Candle Lighting Song "Peace Shines as the Solitary Star"

MV 220 **

(*words on screens*)

Welcome & Announcements:

Welcoming New Members to our Sunset community:

- Nancy & Richard Toppings
- Sharon Frei

Call to Worship (from Luke 3 and Isaiah 40)

The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

Prepare the way of the Lord.

Make straight in the desert
a highway for our God.

**Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill made low.**

The crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth.

And all people shall see the goodness of God.

Prayer of Approach:

God of the unexpected and the unimagined, in this holy season of waiting, instill in us your peace. Help us to prepare ourselves so that we can hear again the song of the angels and see again the beckoning star. Amen

Opening Hymn: “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

VU 2 *** (words on screens)

Prayer for Wholeness:

Advent is a noisy time. It is hard to hear the angels singing “Glory to God!” over the sound of traffic and cash registers and hurried footsteps in the mall. Help us, O Holy One, to pause and listen. Help us to hear. Amen.

Assurance of God's Blessing

The past is behind us, the future before us.

Now is the time of a new beginning!

Thanks be to God!

Our Sung Response: "Gloria" VU 37 ****

(words on screens)

Passing of the Peace of Christ

WE LISTEN

Choir Anthem: *My Lord, He Is a Comin' Soon.*

Scripture: Ezekiel 27:1-14

Hymn: "Them Bones"

Conversation time

Reflection

WE RESPOND

Hymn: "Spirit, Open My Heart" MV 79 *<*

(words on screens)

Our Offerings are Received

Doxology: "In Gratitude and Humble Trust"

VU 544, tune: VU 64 **<

(words on screens)

Dedication (VU 55, verse 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.

Prayers of the People & The Prayer of Jesus

Hymn: “See Amid the Winter’s Snow” VU 76 >>*

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Commissioning & Blessing

Sung Response: *Amen!*

Postlude



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