

**Trinity United Church**  
**Christmas Eve Children's Service,**  
**December 24, 2019, 4:30 pm**

*We are delighted to extend a warm welcome to All*

- Newcomers please sign our guestbook
- Pew cards with special requests may be placed with your offering
- Trinity is Welcoming, Open, Inclusive and Accessible.
  - Trinity is an Affirming Congregation and is inclusive of folk who find themselves a part of what is described as "LGBTQ+"
  - We have large print bulletins
  - We have a child-friendly space overlooking the sanctuary
  - An interactive calendar Trinity activities is on our website. Check it any time at - [www.trinityunitedsf.ca/calendar](http://www.trinityunitedsf.ca/calendar)
  - The Church Office is open Monday - Thursday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Acknowledging Traditional Territory**

**Scriptural Proclamation**

**Lighting the Advent Candle**

On the first Sunday of Advent, we lit a candle for Hope.  
On the second Sunday, we lit a candle for Peace.  
On the third Sunday, we lit a candle for Joy.  
On the fourth Sunday, we lit a candle for Love.  
This evening, we light the Christ Candle at the Center

**Hymn** VU67 "Silent Night"

**Call to Worship**

**Prayer of Gathering**

**Hymn** VU91 "The First Noel" vs 1

**Children's Story** ROOM for a LITTLE ONE - A CHRISTMAS TALE

As the Story and Evening progresses, Children will be invited to populate the Stable

**Scripture and Song** Matthew 2: 1, 2, 9b-11

When Jesus was born in the village of Bethlehem in Judea, Herod was king.

**Hymn** VU64 "O Little Town Of Bethlehem"

During this time some wise men from the east came to Jerusalem and said, "Where is the child born to be king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."

**Hymn** We Three Kings

We three kings of Orient are;  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
Following yonder star

O star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect light.

And the star they had seen in the east went on ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. They were thrilled and excited to see the star.

### **Hymn Do You See What I See?**

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| Said the night wind to the little lamb,<br>do you see what I see? | Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy,<br>do you hear what I hear? |
| Way up in the sky, little lamb,<br>do you see what I see?         | Ringin' through the sky, shepherd boy,<br>do you hear what I hear?    |

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| A star, a star, dancing in the night<br>With a tail as big as a kite<br>With a tail as big as a kite | A song, a song, high above the trees<br>With a voice as big as the sea<br>With a voice as big as the sea |
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They entered the house and saw the child with Mary his mother. Falling to their knees, they honored him. Then they opened their treasure chests and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

### **Hymn VU69 "Away In A Manger"**

#### **Offering**

### **Candy Cane Story**

#### **Benediction**

Let us go,  
**to join the angels in singing of God's grace.**  
Let us go to share the good news,  
**that Jesus, the brother of the vulnerable and forgotten is in our midst.**  
Let us go to offer peace and goodwill to everyone,  
**joining the Spirit in telling what we have seen and heard.**

### ***Candy Canes at the Door***

#### **Carol - 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,

No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
nor thorns infest the ground:  
he comes to make his blessings flow  
far as the curse is found,

and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns:  
let all their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the earth with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.