



**TRINITY**  
UNITED CHURCH  
*Smiths Falls, Ontario, Canada*

Christmas Eve I - B 24 December 2020  
Children's Service

Let God's Spirit shine in our hearts;  
let God's Love shine in our world;  
and let the wonder of this night  
touch all of our hearts  
as the baby invites us into God's  
Love.

Amen



### **"The Little Drummer Boy"**

Come they told me

Pa rum pum pum pum

A new born king to see

Pa rum pum pum pum

Our finest gifts we bring

Pa rum pum pum pum

To lay before the king

Pa rum pum pum pum,

Rum pum pum pum,

Rum pum pum pum

So to honor him

Pa rum pum pum pum

When we come

Pum pum pum pum

Pa rum pum pum

Pum pum pum pum

Pa rum pum pum

Pum pum pum pum

Pa rum pum pum

Pum pum pum pum pa rum

### **Acknowledging Traditional Territory**

Smiths Falls is located on the traditional territory of the Algonquin peoples dating back countless generations. We are grateful for our neighbours and recognize the opportunity to exercise the Ministry of Reconciliation

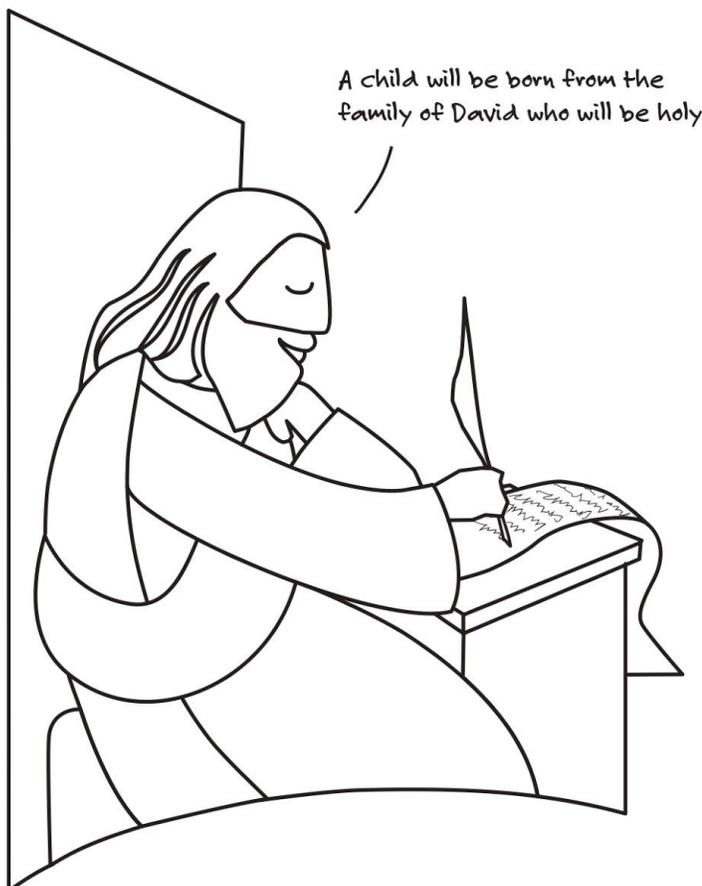
## Song of Joy Deck The Hall

Deck the hall with boughs of holly,  
Fa, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la!  
'Tis the season to be jolly,  
Fa, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la!  
Don we now our gay apparel,  
Fa, la, la, la, la, la, la, la!  
Troll the ancient Christmas carol,  
Fa, la, la, la, la, la, la, la!

(The english words to this Carol are almost exactly as old as this church.)

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many ways  
through prophets like Isaiah...

Hebrews 1:1; Isaiah 9:2-7



### Call to Worship

A child has been born for us.  
We have been given a son  
who will be our ruler.

His names will be  
Wonderful Advisor  
and Mighty God,  
Eternal Father  
and Prince of Peace.

His power will never end;  
peace will last forever.  
He will always rule  
with honesty and justice.

The Lord All-Powerful  
will make certain  
that all of this is done.

*Isaiah 9: 6, 7*

## Lighting the Christ 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 prepare to light the **Christ Candle** at the Center

...and through prophets like John the Baptist.

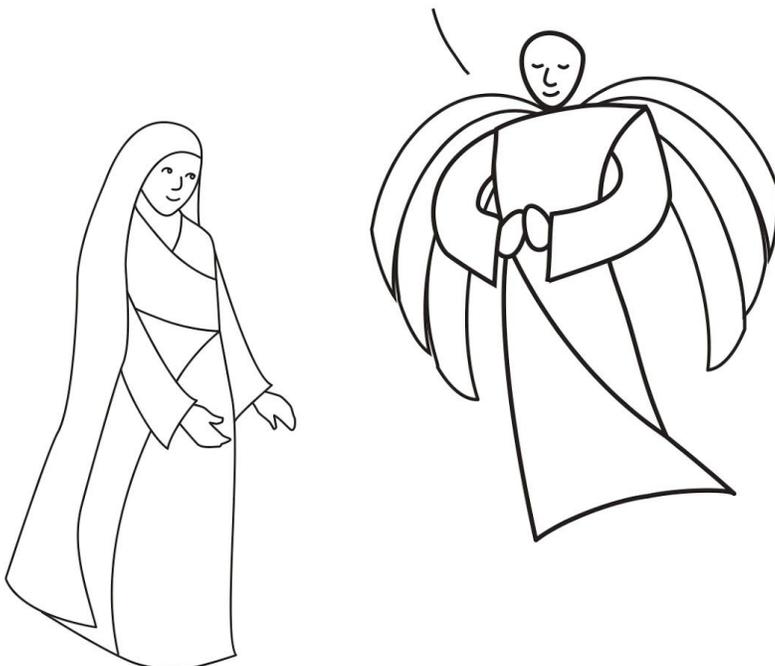
Luke 3:4



...and to people like Mary.

Luke 1:30-33

You and Joseph will raise  
a son named Jesus



## Prayer of Gathering

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**Song**      Here Comes Santa Claus

Here comes Santa Claus,  
    here comes Santa Claus,  
right down Santa Claus Lane  
    Vixen and Blitzen and all his  
reindeers  
    pulling on the reins

Bells are ringing,  
    children singing,  
    all is merry and bright  
So hang your stockings and  
    say your prayers,  
    'cause Santa Claus comes  
tonight

Santa Claus, also known as

Father Christmas,  
Saint Nicholas,  
Saint Nick,  
Kris Kringle, or  
Santa,

is a character based on traditions surrounding the historical Saint Nicholas, a fourth-century Greek bishop.

His reputation was of secret gift-giving.



**The Christmas Story**

Mary and Joseph, who was from the family of David, travelled to Bethlehem (the City of David) while Mary was pregnant with Jesus.

Luke 2:4



About that time Emperor Augustus gave orders for the names of all the people to be listed in record books.

Everyone had to go to their own hometown to be listed. So Joseph had to leave Nazareth in Galilee and go to Bethlehem in Judea.

Long ago Bethlehem had been King David's hometown, and Joseph went there because he was from David's family.

When Mary and Joseph arrived in Bethlehem, there was no room for them in the inn.

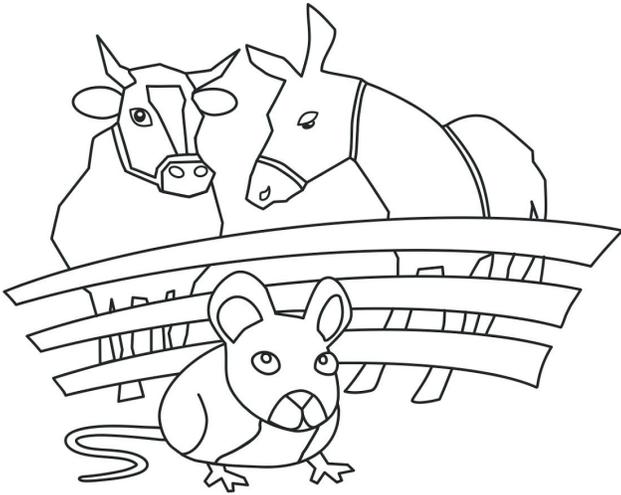
Luke 2:7

Mary was engaged to Joseph and traveled with him to Bethlehem. She was soon going to have a baby, and while they were there, she gave birth to her first-born son. She dressed him in baby clothes and laid him on a bed of hay, because there was no room for them in the inn.



So Mary gave birth to their son, Jesus, in a stable.

Luke 2:7



## “Away in a Manger”

**Away in a manger,  
no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus  
lay down his sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky  
look down where he lay,  
The little Lord Jesus,  
asleep on the hay.**

Close by there were shepherds in the field watching their sheep.

Luke 2:8

That night in the fields near Bethlehem some shepherds were guarding their sheep.

All at once an angel came down to them from the Lord, and the brightness of the Lord’s glory flashed around them.

An angel appeared to them saying: Do not be afraid; I bring you good news of great joy for everyone, because today Jesus has been born.

Luke 2:10



Do not be afraid

The shepherds were frightened.



But the angel said, “Don’t be afraid! I have good news for you, which will make everyone happy. This very day in King David’s hometown a Savior was born for you. He is Christ the Lord. You will know who he is, because you will find him dressed in baby clothes and lying on a bed of hay.”

Suddenly many other angels came down from heaven and joined in praising God. They said:

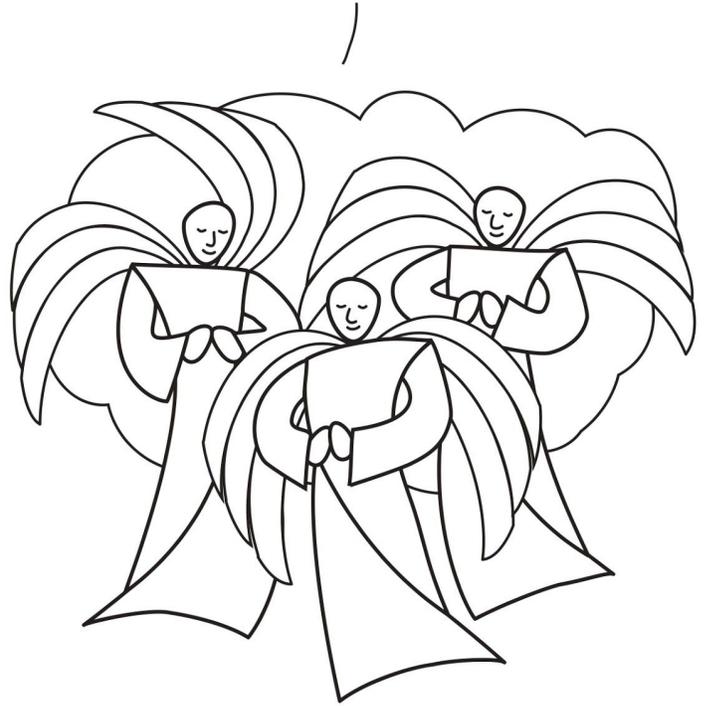
“Praise God in heaven!  
Peace on earth to everyone  
who pleases God.”

After the angels had left and gone back to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see what the Lord has told us about.”

Suddenly other angels appeared, praising God.  
When the angels left, the shepherds hurried to Bethlehem to meet Jesus.

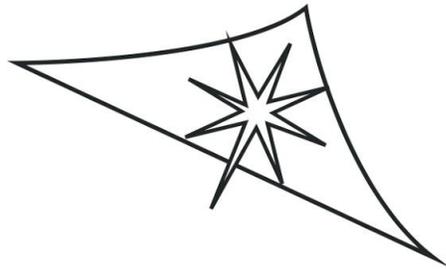
Luke 2:13-14

Glory to God



Mary laid Jesus in a manger.

Luke 2:7



“Away in a Manger”

**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.**



Far away, Magi from the East saw a bright star rising in the sky. They followed the star until it stopped over the spot where Jesus was.

Matthew 2:1-6



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

And the star they had seen in the east went on ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was.

Overjoyed to meet Jesus, the Magi opened their treasure chests and offered gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Matthew 2:11

They were thrilled and excited to see the star.

When the men went into the house and saw the child with Mary, his mother, they knelt down and worshiped him. They took out their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh and gave them to him.



God also speaks to us now.  
And just like the Magi we offer gifts to Jesus.



“Away in a Manger”

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

Glory to God!  
Peace on earth. Goodwill to all people.

Luke 2:14



**Hope**  
**Peace**  
**Joy**  
**Love**

**Hymn** VU69 “Away in a Manger”

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## Children's Prayer

### Jingle Bells

Dashing through the snow  
In a one-horse open sleigh  
O'er the fields we go  
Laughing all the way

*Jingle bells, jingle bells,  
Jingle all the way.  
Oh! what fun it is to ride  
In a one-horse open sleigh.*

Bells on bob tail ring  
Making spirits bright  
What fun it is to ride and sing  
A sleighing song tonight!

*Jingle bells, jingle bells,  
Jingle all the way.  
Oh! what fun it is to ride  
In a one-horse open sleigh.*

### We Wish You a Merry Christmas

We wish you a merry Christmas  
We wish you a merry Christmas  
We wish you a merry Christmas  
and a happy new year

Oh, bring us some figgy pudding  
Oh, bring us some figgy pudding  
Oh, bring us some figgy pudding  
And bring it right here

Good tidings we bring  
to you and your kin

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to you and your kin

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## Candy Cane Legend

In the late 1800's a candy maker in Indiana wanted to express the meaning of Christmas through a symbol made of candy. He came up with the idea of bending one of his white candy sticks into the shape of a Candy Cane.

He incorporated several symbols of Christ's love and sacrifice.

- First, he used a plain white peppermint stick.
  - the color white symbolizes the purity of Jesus.
  - red stripes to represent Jesus' sacrifice.
- When looked at with the crook on top, it looks like a shepherd's staff because for us Jesus is the good shepherd.
- If you turn it upside down, it becomes

the letter **J** symbolizing the first letter in Jesus' name.

The candy maker made these candy canes for Christmas, so everyone would remember what Christmas is all about.

Hard candy reminds us of the

- foundation of the Church
- firmness of the promises of God

Peppermint oil is similar to hyssop, a healing herb used in the Bible

We put the candy cane on the tree and on Christmas morning we break it and share it remembering the Joy of Jesus.

