



Christmas Eve Family Service - C December 24, 2021

Key Scripture - Luke 2:4

Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.



Theme - Joseph Remembered His Line

Welcome and Announcements

- † Newcomers please sign our guestbook
- † Trinity is Welcoming, Open, Inclusive and Accessible.
 - Trinity is an Affirming Congregation
- † With a view to creating a safe space, lowering risk and lifting capacity limits, Trinity has adopted a Vaccination Mandate. Proof of Vaccination is required for all in person activities and gatherings including Worship.
 - Capacity Limits are lifted
 - Masks are required

24 December - Candlelight Communion, 10:30pm

The Spiritual Leadership Team is initiating plans for Confirmation this Spring

26 December - Sunday Worship is Suspended. We will not meet in the Sanctuary

Christmas Week Office Hours - The office is open Wednesday, December 29 and Thursday, December 30 from 9 am to 1 pm

Tax Receipts 2021 / Contribution Deadline -

Please note the Holiday Office Hours when or if you wish to make a Charitable Contribution to be included in your 2021 Tax Return. All contributions for 2021 must be submitted no later than December 30, 2021 at 1:00pm.

Smiths Falls Community Food Bank appreciates donations, please fill our wagon at the back of the Sanctuary, it will be delivered monthly.

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

Interlude "O Holy Night"

Lighting the Advent Candle

(as the first blue candle is lit)

On the first Sunday of Advent, we lit a candle for Hope.

(as the second blue candle is lit)

On the second Sunday, we lit a candle for Peace.

(as the pink candle is lit)

On the third Sunday, we lit a candle for Love.

(as the last blue candle is lit)

On the fourth Sunday, we lit a candle for Joy.

Now the time has come to light a candle for Christ.

Lighting the Christ Candle

O come you source of Love unto us all
Enlighten us and help us hear your call
To bear your Love out into the wild and
celebrate God's wondrous holy child!

Rejoice, rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to us
And all things shall be well

Rejoice, rejoice!

Emmanuel has come to us
And all things shall be well

When the world seems predictable
Stuck in patterns of injustice and hurt
The Holy astonishes us with good news

And we find Awe

(Christ candle is lit)

Where in the world do we know Awe these days?

Scripture

What a beautiful sight!
On the mountains a messenger
announces to Jerusalem,
“Good news! You’re saved.

There will be peace.
Your God is now King.”
Everyone on guard duty,
sing and celebrate!
Look! You can see the Lord
returning to Zion.
Jerusalem, rise from the ruins!
Join in the singing.

The Lord has given comfort
to his people;
he comes to your rescue.
The Lord has shown all nations
his mighty strength;
now everyone will see
the saving power of our God.

Isaiah 52:7-10

Call to Worship

In this silent night,
We ponder your mystery with Mary and Joseph.
On this holy night,
We come with the shepherds to worship.
On this night of joy for the world,
We sing praises with choirs of angels.
In the darkness of this night,
We celebrate the Light of the World.

Hymn 60 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

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:

Refrain -

***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:

Refrain -

***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:

Refrain -

***O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.***

See, how the shepherds summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps;

Refrain -

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him,

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

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;

Jesus, to thee be all glory given;

word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:

Refrain -

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him,

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

Children's Time

Hymn - 36 "Angels From The Realms of Glory"

Angels, from the realms of glory,

wing your flight o'er all the earth;

ye, who sang creation's story,

now proclaim Messiah's birth:

come and worship, come and worship,

worship Christ, the new-born King.

Shepherds in the field abiding,

watching o'er your flocks by night,

God with us is now residing,

yonder shines the infant Light:

come and worship, come and worship,

worship Christ, the new-born King.

Sages, leave your contemplations;
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great desire of nations;
ye have seen his natal star:
come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the new-born King.

Saints before the altar bending,
watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly the Lord, descending,
in his temple shall appear:
come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the new-born King.

Scripture

Luke 2:1-20 (CEV)

About that time Emperor Augustus gave orders for the names of all the people to be listed in record books. These first records were made when Quirinius was governor of Syria.

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.

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.

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. 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." They hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and they saw the baby lying on a bed of hay.

When the shepherds saw Jesus, they told his parents what the angel had said about him. Everyone listened and was surprised. But Mary kept thinking about all this and wondering what it meant.

As the shepherds returned to their sheep, they were praising God and saying wonderful things about him. Everything they had seen and heard was just as the angel had said.

Meditation "Still, Still, Still" (arr. Hobson)

Reflection Where Your Home Is

Hymn - 69 "Away in A 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.

Scripture

God our Savior showed us
how good and kind he is.
He saved us because
of his mercy,
and not because
of any good things
that we have done.

God washed us by the power
of the Holy Spirit.
He gave us new birth
and a fresh beginning.
God sent Jesus Christ
our Savior
to give us his Spirit.

Jesus treated us much better
than we deserve.
He made us acceptable to God
and gave us the hope
of eternal life.

Titus 3:4-7

Invitation to Offering

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given. God's gift in the Christ child arrived in a small town, a humble stable, to a couple no one invited in – and still that gift changes lives. Our gifts to God this Christmas share in that miracle.

Offering Prayer

Generous and loving God, your gift to us in Jesus still draws us to the manger and opens our hearts with wonder. Bless our gifts in his name, so that they may draw others to your love and the blessing we have found in the One born for us. Amen.

Hymn 67 “Silent Night”

(The Congregation departs during the singing of “Silent Night”)

Silent night! Holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
 round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
 sleep in heavenly peace,
 sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight:
 glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing Hallelujah,
 Christ the Saviour is born,
 Christ the Saviour is born.

Silent night! Holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light

radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,

Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.