

Northlea United Church

December 24, 2017

Christmas Eve Family Service 7:00 pm

Minister - Lee-Ann Ahlstrom

Music Director - David Jafelice

Music Leader - Ian Backstrom

Saxophone - Daniel Stefan

Youth and Children Leaders - Jo Dullard and Daniel Stefan

() Please stand if you are comfortable and able.*

Bold letters indicate words to be said by the whole congregation.

Please ask one of our greeters if you would like a large-print hymn book or an assisted hearing device.

~ Gathering ~

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Let us go, just as we are, to see what has happened.

Let us go with the shepherds:

***Let us go and find the One
of whom the angels sang.***

Let us go with those who are wise:

***Let us go and find the One
who brings God's truth to us.***

Let us go with the poor in spirit, and in flesh;

let us go with those who are humbled by life:

***Let us find the Glory of God
born in a stable, and placed in a feeding trough.***

Let us go with our friends and family,

let us go with our neighbors and with strangers,

let us go with all the children of God:

***Let us go to find the One who comes
to lead us home to God's kingdom.***

O come, let us go to the Babe of Bethlehem;

O come, let us adore him!

Christ our Lord!

***Opening Hymn: O Come All Ye Faithful**

Voices United #60

Bad News!

Opening Prayer

*O God of love,
you have brought us together tonight
and blessed us with your very self.
Open our eyes to the light of Christ
which glows in the darkness of a world engulfed in apathy,
pain and loss;
a world separated from you.
Speak to us now that we may hear the good news of your
salvation.
Bring us into the wonder of your presence.
Fill us with that light and carry it out with us into our lives.
Amen.*

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~ Christ Candle is lit ~

Hymn: Silent Night

Voices United #67

~ Listening ~

Old News

***Hymn: Once in a Royal David's City**

Voices United #62

Good News

Hymn: Angels We Have Heard on High

Voices United #38

More Good News

Solo: Mary, Did You Know

Mark Lowry & Buddy Greene

Mixed Reviews

Hymn: The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy

Voices United #35

~ Responding ~

Invitation to Offering

Offertory Music

Daniel Stefan

Offertory Response:

Voices United #55

**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.**

Offertory Prayer

**O God, we cannot begin to count all you have done for us.
You have given us infinite love through Jesus Christ.
You have set us in a world of plenty.
You have given us this community of loving relationships.
May all that we have received may make us truly thankful.
And may our gifts to you may be fully and completely
from our hearts.
Amen.**

Breaking News!

Sung Response: Gloria (English text)

Voices United #37

Christmas Prayers

Glory to God in the Highest
Sung Refrain: Gloria

Hymn: *Joy to the World*

Voices United #59

***Commissioning**

Benediction: *Gloria (English text)

Voices United #37

Postlude



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