

St. Paul's United Church

December 24th, 3pm 2019 – Christmas Eve

Mission Statement: To glorify God through Worship, proclaiming the Gospel of Christ and serving others in Christ's name.

Portions of the service printed in **bold** are spoken by the whole congregation.
At the points marked * - those who are able are invited to stand.

Prelude

O Little Town of Bethlehem (vs 1, 3)

VU64

Advent lighting liturgy:

Over the last four weeks we have been preparing for tonight,

We prepared our hearts and our homes

We waited and watched for God to show up, for God's signs in the world.

Each week we lit one candle as we focused on God's ...

Hope, peace, joy, and love.

Tonight is the night we have been waiting for.

The night that Christ comes

The night when Jesus is born

Tonight we light the candle right in the middle of it all

The one that is surrounded by hope, peace, joy and love

We light the white one for Jesus

For tonight is the night he came.

Advent liturgy sung response

People look east (VS 4-5)

VU 9

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim

one more light the bowl shall brim,

shining beyond the frosty weather,

bright as sun and moon together.

People, look east and sing today:

Love the star is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth

Christ who brings new life to earth.

Set every peak and valley humming

with the word, the Lord is coming.

People, look east and sing today:

Love the Lord is on the way.

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Call to worship:

We come together tonight,

with joy and excitement.

For the biggest gift ever is coming,

a gift that changes the world.

We won't find this gift in the stores.

Where do we look for it?

In a stable long, long ago and in our hearts today.

Oh, What is it?

It is a baby

A BABY?

But not just any baby, God's son, Jesus.

Can we see?

Come close so you can see and hear the story.

Opening Prayer:

Twas the night before Christmas Part 1:

Away in a manger (VS1,2)

VU69

Twass the night before Christmas Part 2:

Once in Royal David's City (VS1,2)

VU62

Twass the night before Christmas Part 3:

Angels we have heard on High (VS1,2,3)

VU38

Twass the night before Christmas Part 4:

Joy to the world (VS1)

VU59

Reflection :

Matthew 2:1-2, 7-11

Invitation to offering:

Offertory Hymn: What Child is This?

VU74

Blessing the offering

Prayers of the People & Lords Prayer.

Sharing of the light.

Silent Night:

VU67

Commissioning and Blessing:

Coral closing: Refrain only

VU43

Go tell it on the mountain

over the hills and everywhere

Go tell it on the mountain

that Jesus Christ is born.

Postlude

Announcements

Greeters: Green Family
Downstairs: Left Side: Trisha and Mike Berry
Middle: Colleen Hanna Miller
Right Side: Tammy Coughlan and Dean Jones
Coffee Hour (January 5th): Positive Engagement

Bulletins placed in Loving Memory of Shirley and Dr. E.H. Sutherland by their granddaughters Claire and Kate Green.

News

Office Hours: The office will be open Dec 30th and 31st 9-1pm. Then Closed Jan 1 until Sunday January 5th. For pastoral emergencies call Rev. Michelle 506-259-7602.

More Worship! come out tonight for our 7pm service or our 11pm communion service.

December 29th service will be at Wilmot UC @ 11am it will be Rose- Hanna's last service.

Many thanks to **St Paul's UCW** for their generous gift of **\$10,000** to the church.

Taxable Donations: All donations that you wish to have included in your 2018 tax receipt needs to reach the office by 1 p.m. on Tuesday, December 31.

Our **Awesome Pantry Team** has the current need for coffee, cheez-whiz, pasta sauce, house hold cleaner, large juice, tomatoes, and soda crackers. Thank you very much

Mark your new 2020 calendar now! **January 12th after church - Potluck and Annual Planning meeting** for everyone! sustaining and growing St. Paul's together. More details to follow.

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Money counters/Tellers needed. Training provided previous money handling experience is an asset, please let Eric in the office know thank you very much.