

SUMMERSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
December 24, 2017 – 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve

“There are no strangers on Christmas Eve.”
~ Adele Comandini & Edward Sutherland

A warm welcome is extended to all who have gathered this evening for worship. May this special service inspire a sense of wonder and awe in each of us, as together we reflect upon and give thanks for the gift of the Christ child born so long ago.

The presentation of our offerings provides us with an opportunity to respond to the great gift God has given us and to share His gift of love with others in a tangible way.

It has been our practice in recent years to donate our loose (undesignated) offering this evening to Presbyterian World Service and Development, the development and relief agency of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Inspired by God’s promise of abundant life, PWS&D provides a wide variety of programs that work to help communities overcome poverty, recover from emergency situations and provide new opportunities for vulnerable people. Working together with other churches and organizations, PWS&D seeks to transform communities according to their need and regardless of their faith.

Through the generous support of donors, PWS&D continues to work with local partners around the world to address the root causes of poverty and create new futures of hope. This is achieved through programs which address food security, health, human rights, and emergency relief.

If you prefer that your offering be designated for ministries here at Summerside Presbyterian Church, please use one of the Christmas offering envelopes provided.

*“The darkness of the whole world cannot swallow
the glowing of a candle.”*
~ Robert Altinger

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Prelude: Doris Warren, piano

Call to Worship: “Simple Joy” (*arr. by S.K. Albrecht*)
~Marilyn Martin & Christa McDougall

Hearing the Ancient Prophecy: Micah 5:1-5

HYMN: O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

Words of Welcome & Opening Prayer

Christmas Eve Candle Lighting Liturgy

HYMN: JESUS CAME BRINGING US HOPE

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:1, 3-7

HYMN: WHAT CHILD IS THIS

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:8-14

HYMN: ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:15-20

Offering & Offertory Selection:

*(All loose offering collected this evening will be donated to
Presbyterian World Service & Development)*

HYMN: I HEARD THE BELLS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Reflection

Ministry of Music: “A Prayer for Peace” (*Part 4*) from “A Thrill of Hope”
Christmas cantata by J. Raney

HYMN: SILENT NIGHT

Closing Prayer & Benediction

*“Many thanks to Doris Warren, Marilyn Martin and Christa McDougall
for sharing their gifts of music with us.”*

- ❖ 165 O Little Town of Bethlehem (*all verses*)
- ❖ Lighting of our Candle Lighting: Jesus Came Bringing Us Hope (*all verses*)
- ❖ 161 What child is this (*all verses*)
- ❖ 147 Angels we have heard on high (*verses 1-3*)
- ❖ Offertory: What can I give him?
- ❖ 196 (Red Book) I heard the bells on Christmas day (*all verses 1-5*)
- ❖ 154 Silent Night (*all verses*)