

SUMMERSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

~ December 24, 2022 (6 pm) Christmas Eve ~

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.

Hearing the Ancient Prophecy: Isaiah 9:2-7

HYMN: #159 OH COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL (verses 1, 3, 4, 5)

Words of Welcome & Opening Prayer

Christmas Eve Candle Lighting Liturgy

Ministry of Music: "For unto us is born" (Mary Kay Beall)

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:1, 3-7

HYMN: #161 WHAT CHILD IS THIS

Ministry of Music: "Shepherds Awake" (Henry Hinnant)

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:8-14

HYMN: #147 ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:15-20

HYMN: #136 THE FIRST NOWELL (verses 1-3)

Reflection

Ministry of Music: "Away in a Manger" (Wm Kirkpatrick, arr. Dean Perry)

Offering

***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 him my heart.***

Closing Prayer

HYMN: #154 SILENT NIGHT

Benediction & Choir Recessional: "Of Eternal Love Begotten"

(Medieval plainsong)



*"The darkness of the whole world cannot swallow
the glowing of a candle."*

~ Robert Altinger