

SUMMERSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
~ December 24, 2024 (5 pm) Christmas Eve Service ~

A warm welcome is extended to all who have gathered this evening for worship.

Nothing can quite compare to a child's excitement at Christmas. This evening's service was planned with that truth in mind. This evening children are encouraged to come and worship the newborn baby who would grow to be their Saviour. As they come and participate they are encouraged to bring with them all of their excitement and enthusiasm as these are essential to the way in which children worship.

Regardless of age, 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.

God Calls Us Together

#159 Oh Come, All Ye Faithful (2 verses)

Lighting of our Christ Candle

#119 Hope is a Star (4 verses)

The Story of Jesus' Birth

#139 Hark! the Herald Angels Sing (3 verses)

#165 O Little Town of Bethlehem (3 verses)

#149 Away in a Manger (2 verses)

#154 Silent Night (3 verses)

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.***

Prayer

#153 Joy to the World (2 verses)

A Blessing for a Holy Night

*"In the eyes of children we find the joy of Christmas.
In their hearts we find its meaning."
~ Leland Thomas*