

SUMMERSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
~ December 24, 2025 (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.

Prelude: Piano Duet – Brigid & Willem Morash

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*

O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant
O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born the King of angels:
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above:
"Glory to God in the highest!"
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Hope is a Star

Hope is a star that shines in the night,
leading us on till the morning is bright.

*When God is a child there's joy in our song.
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,
and none shall be afraid.*

Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth,
giving a promise of safety and worth.

*When God is a child there's joy in our song.
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,
and none shall be afraid.*

Joy is a song that welcomes the dawn,
telling the world that the Saviour is born.

*When God is a child there's joy in our song.
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,
and none shall be afraid.*

Love is a flame that burns in our heart.
Jesus has come and will never depart.

*When God is a child there's joy in our song.
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,
and none shall be afraid.*

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the new-born King,
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled,
Joyful, all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem."
Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the new-born King.

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the God-head see! Hail the incarnate deity!
Pleased on earth with us to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the new-born King.

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild, he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise the lost of earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the new-born King.

O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem how still we see thee lie
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by
Yet in thy dark street shineth the everlasting light
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary and gathered all above
While mortals sleep the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars together proclaim the holy birth
And praises sing to God the King and peace to all on earth.

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings born of heaven.
No ear may hear his coming but in this world of sin
Where meek souls will receive him still the dear Christ enters in.

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Silent Night

Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child,
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace; sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing "Hallelujah,
Christ the Saviour is born! Christ the Saviour is born!"

Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth, Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

Joy to the World

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive its King;
let every heart prepare him room
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.