

**CHRISTMAS EVE 2017
10:00 SERVICE**

Proclaiming the Word: Heather Greenfield
Soloist: John McFall
Piano: Owen Spicer, Irla Stewart
Saxophone: Oscar Abley

VOLUNTARY:

THE APPROACH

HYMN: 75 "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"

*** CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: Come. Look. Seek out the One who is born for you.

All: *"He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High".*

One: Come. Look. Seek out the One who is born for us all.

All: *"He will reign over the house of Jacob forever and of his kingdom there will be no end."*

One: Come. Look. Seek out the One who God sends.

All: *"To you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord."*

One: Come. Look. Seek out God's gift of love.

All: *"Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us."*

PRAYER OF APPROACH

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:1-14

WE LIGHT THE CHRIST CANDLE:

Chris Mortlock

HYMN: 7 "Hope Is a Star"

*Christ is the One, we welcome tonight.
God who is with us, and brings us true light.
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.*

THE WORD

HYMN: 40 "Before the Marvel of this Night"

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:15-20

SOLO: Still a Bach Christmas

Jay Althouse

REFLECTION

SILENT REFLECTION

HYMN: 8 "Lo, How a Rose"

PRESENTATIONS OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*** OFFERTORY RESPONSE AND PRAYER:** 539

*God of all good, our gifts we bring to you,
use them your holy purpose to fulfil;
tokens of love and pledges brought anew
that our whole life is offered to your will.*

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: God be with you.

All: *And also with you.*

One: Lift up your hearts!

All: *We lift them up to God.*

One: Let us give thanks to God,

All: *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

One: We give you thanks, O God, on this holy night, for you have come to us as a baby, lying in a manger in Bethlehem. A baby born to be a light to all the world.

All: *(sung) O come, let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

One: We give you thanks, O God, for the words of the prophets, for the strong love of Mary, for the faithfulness of Joseph, for the song of the angels and the wonder of the shepherds.

All: *(sung) O come, let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

One: We give you thanks, O God, that the baby Jesus grew to be a man, healing the sick and telling of a time when there would be peace on earth. He brought light and life, healing and hope.

All: *(sung) O come, let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

One: He came to live love in all its fullness, loving us all; lost sheep, found coins, hidden treasure. And when we did not understand, when we could not embrace his words of a new way, he loved us still.

All: *(sung) O come, let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

One: When we, in our ignorance, put him to death on the cross, You, in your love, brought Him to life, giving new life to all.

All: *(sung) O come, let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

(the prayer continues)

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS:

As we share in the gifts of bread and juice, you are invited to come forward to receive communion by intinction. Please come forward by the centre aisles and return to your seats by the outside aisles.

SOLO: All Through the Night

Ruth Elaine Schram

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

HYMN: #67 "Silent Night"

1 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.

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

3 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.

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE