



Varsity Acres Presbyterian Church

One in Christ, Reaching Out to Many
*“VAPC acknowledges that we are gathering on
 Treaty 7 lands”*

December 24th, 2018 - 7:00 pm

*** If you are able, please stand for these parts of worship.**

Preludes *It came upon a midnight clear* arr. C. Salzedo
Of the Father's Love Begotten arr. K. Robertson
Away in a Manger arr. C. Salzedo
Come thou long expected Jesus arr. S. Macdonald
 Harp – Gianetta Baril

Call to Worship

One: A child shall be born to us, a Son given to us.
**All: He is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
 Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**
 One: He is God's love come into the world.
All: Come, let us adore Him!
**With the shepherds, may every knee bow before the
 newborn Saviour. With the angels, may every tongue
 sing: Glory to God in the highest.**

*Carol 159 (vs. 1, 3, 4, 5) “O Come All Ye Faithful”

Welcome

The First Lesson: Jesus' Birth Foretold to Mary

Luke 1: 26 – 38 John Hey
 Anthem Come to us now, Emmanuel D.Besig/N.Price
 Prayer of Adoration
 *Carol 147 “Angels We Have Heard On High”

The Second Lesson: The Birth of Jesus

Luke 2: 1 – 7 Alastair Starke
 Lighting of the Christ Candle (see insert)
 Carol 165 “O Little Town Of Bethlehem”

Meditation: **“The Christ Is In Your Midst”**

Carol 168 (vs 1, 2, 5) “See Amid the Winter Snow”

Presentation of Offerings

Offertory *What Shall I Give/What is this Fragrance* arr. D. Rees-Rohrbacher
Harp - Gianetta Baril

*Dedication 145

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
 Yes, what I can I give him, give my heart.

*Prayer of Dedication

The Third Lesson: Visit from the Shepherds

Luke 2: 8 – 20 Margaret Wardle
 Anthem *Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow* arr. Gordon Thornett
 oboe - Amy Melnychuk

Meditation: **“Ponder”**

* Carol 153 “Joy to the World”

Responsive Prayer of Thanksgiving (see insert)

The Fourth Lesson: Light of the World

John 1: 1 – 5, 10 – 14 Rod Tomlinson
 The Light of Christ Comes to Our Hearts
 * Carol “Silent Night” (see insert)

*Benediction

Postlude *Toccata* D. McIntyre

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 greeters and everyone who helped make tonight a special time of worship.*