



# Varsity Acres Presbyterian Church

***One in Christ, Reaching Out to Many***

*“VAPC acknowledges that we are gathering on  
Treaty 7 lands”*

**Advent 1: December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 10:00am**

## **GOD’S PEOPLE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

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

✚ See service aids card in pew racks for response

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| Prelude | <i>Sonata No. 4</i> | M. Blavet          |
|         | <i>Adagio</i>       | (Deanna MacGregor, |
|         | <i>Sicilienne</i>   | Flute)             |
|         | <i>Le Lutin</i>     |                    |

Life and Work of the Church

Gathering Song: 124 vs. 2 “People in Darkness”

Call to Worship & Lighting of Candle of Hope (see insert)

\*Hymn: 126      *“On Jordan’s Bank”*

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession

**We confess that we are dull to the splendor of your presence and are slow to perceive the new life you offer us. Instead of turning to your light, we remain blinded and live in the darkness. Forgive us for living with shallow hope and narrow expectations.**

**Awaken us to the glory and splendor of your presence. Revive our hope and reawaken our energy for your purposes so that we may see and rejoice in your kingdom’s coming.**

**Com, Lord Jesus, come. Amen**

Assurance of Pardon ✚

## **WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD**

\* Celebration Hymn 119 *“Hope is a Star”*

A Time with Young Christians

|            |                                 |       |                     |
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| Scriptures | Isaiah 9: 2 – 7                 | p.548 |                     |
|            | Luke: 1: 67 - 79                | p.832 | Lisbeth Duncan      |
| Anthem     | <i>Come To Us Now. Emmanuel</i> |       | N. Price & D. Besig |
| Flute –    | Deanna MacGregor                |       |                     |

Sermon                      *“Light in the Darkness”*

## **WE RESPOND IN FAITH AND ACTION**

Presentation of Offerings

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| Offertory | <i>Of the Father’s Love Begotten</i>   | arr. G. Martin |
|           | Piano-organ, Minako Hulkenberg - piano |                |

\*Doxology 830

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

\*Prayer of Dedication

\* Apostles’ Creed #539

## **Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (see insert for sung responses)

Sharing of the Bread and Wine

Prayer

\*Hymn 120      *“Lo! Christ Comes With Clouds Descending”*

\*Commission and Benediction

\*Choral Amen

\*Choral Blessing

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| Postlude | <i>There’s a Voice in the Wilderness</i> | arr. R.Benson |
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