



Varsity Acres Presbyterian Church

One in Christ, Reaching Out to Many

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

**December 22nd, 2019 10:00 am
Advent IV--Love**

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

Prelude *Blessed be the God of Israel* arr.J.Weber
On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s cry arr.F.Ashdown

Life and Work of the Church

Gathering Song: 124 vs 1 *People in Darkness*

Call to Worship & Lighting the Candle of Love (see insert)

*Hymn 122 vs. 1, 5, 6, 7 *O Come O Come Emmanuel*

Prayers of Adoration

Prayers of Confession and the Lord’s Prayer

You call us to live joyously within your creation, but we look for joy in things that do not last. We build up possessions, expecting that we will find joy in their security. We chase after fleeting pleasures, expecting them to satisfy our hungry hearts. We hold riches and resources to ourselves expecting them to ward off fear. Forgive us, O God, and help us to seek joy in loving you without reservation, and in loving one another with kindness. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon ✚

*Hymn 521 *Child of Blessing*

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

Sacrament of Baptism

Aaronic Blessing 619

Scriptures Luke 1: 26 - 56 p.831

Donna Murray

Anthem *Mary, did you know?*

Arr.M.Biery

Sermon “Mary Did You Know?”

WE RESPOND IN FAITH AND ACTION

*Hymn 165 *O Little Town Of Bethlehem*

Prayers for Reformation and Intercession

Presentation of Offerings

Offertory *I am so glad each Christmas Eve*

S.Gabrielsen

*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

WE GO OUT TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

*Hymn 160 *Unto Us A Child Is Born*

*Commission and Benediction

*Choral Amen

*Choral Blessing

Postlude *Good Christian friends, rejoice*

arr.G.Martin

Piano-Lee Workun