

CHRISTMAS *Cantata*



ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 15, 2019
ADVENT 3



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OUR MISSION

TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE
BY LIVING THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS:

showing mercy,
promoting justice,
offering forgiveness,
acceptance, and hope.

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(** indicates rising in body or spirit as you are able.)
(The congregation reads in unison those items in bold print.)

Prelude

Welcome: All are welcome in this place.
All are welcomed by God's grace.

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Joy

- Robert, Ashley, Isabel, Madeline & Lily Stewart

****Singing:** *VU 7 Hope is a Star vs.1, 2, 3*

****Call to Worship:**

Look around you,
The world is filled with many gifts.
May you celebrate the gifts of the people
with whom you work, serve, and care for others.
Be open to the gifts of God's people everywhere.

God is the source of all gifts.

Look around you
Life is filled with many gifts.
May you be blessed by the gifts shared
by loved ones with whom you share life
and from whom you have learned much.
Be open to the love shared in these gifts.

Christ is the embodiment of God's love.

Look around you
Each day is filled with many gifts.

****Prayer of Approach:**

**O God, you surprised the world that first
Christmas when you came as a little child. Surprise
us with some unexpected arrival of your presence.
today. In a day when people can orbit the earth,
orbit our hearts. In a day when satellites surround
our world, become a satellite to our needy lives.
Give us faith for fear, strength for weakness, and
victory for defeat.**

****Singing:** VU 28 Herald! Sound the Note of Gladness

A CANTATA for CHRISTMAS

Comfort + Joy

News & Announcements

Offering Invitation

Song during the Offering: *VU 1 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

****Offertory Response:** *VU 55 In the Bleak Mid-Winter v4*

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 can I give him? Give my heart.

****Offertory Prayer:** Star giver, Life bringer, Love sharer, bless these gifts
we bring that your Light might shine more brightly, your Life be
lived more abundantly, your Love be shared more abundantly, in
Jesus' name, who taught us to pray saying...

The Lord's Prayer

Exchange Peace of Christ

Blessing

****Singing:** *Joy to the World (vs. 1, 2, 4, as we end the Cantata)*

Postlude

Musical Guests

Katherine Cassidy, flute Emma Reeves, trumpet
Becca Tomlik, flute
and Paul Creaser, piano



KNOX UNITED CHURCH

IMPORTANT DATES & SPECIAL SERVICES

Wednesday, Dec 18 th , 7pm: Knox Choir & Scotia Brass present: Comfort & Joy & Music So Merry Freewill offering, \$10-15 suggested	Thursday, Dec 19 th , 7pm: Longest Night Service All are welcome to this service for the community
ADVENT 4 – Dec 22 nd , 10:30 a.m.	
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH	
4:00 PM	<i>Family Service, with puppets, too!</i>
8:00 PM	<i>Lessons & Carols with Communion</i>
1 st Sunday after Christmas Dec 29 th 10:30 a.m. <i>*No Sunday School*</i>	
Epiphany, Jan 5 th 10:30 a.m.	

December 2019 Outreach Meal Events

ALL ARE WELCOME

Freedom Kitchen **Free** Supper

Every Monday 5 -7pm, by the Sackville Public Library

C.O.M.E Meal Event

Thursday, December 19th 4:30 – 6pm

A **Free** meal, dine-in or take-out

Knox United – Cann Hall

No One Dines Alone – a **FREE** Christmas Dinner

Wednesday, December 25th, 2-5 pm

Knox United – Cann Hall

Greeters: Bev & Ron Snyder, Marg Strugnell

Elders: David Duggan, Pauline Stanick-Kerr

Christ's Disciples in Ministry: Everyone

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