



Ministers: Rev. Bev Irwin & Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam  
Music Director–Victoria Warwick

\*Please stand if you are able

\*CAROL: VU #36 Angels from the Realms of Glory

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CALL TO THE GATHERED:

One: In winter and this season of Advent, we come in the stillness and wonder of God's grace.

All: We ponder the presence of God in our lives and in our world.

One: We open our hearts to the hope, peace and joy of Christ.

All: We come together to live in the spirit of Christ, God incarnate.

#### LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF LOVE-

Sung Response: All

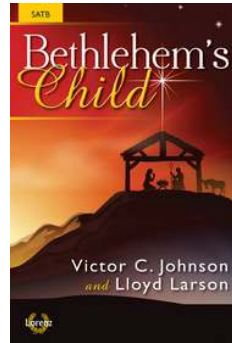
Light a candle, a symbol of love  
Light a candle, there's never enough,  
Light a candle to shine in the dark,  
Light a candle, open your heart.  
Light a candle, and open your heart.

#### OPENING PRAYER:

All: Holy One, as we celebrate with joy this Advent season, may we know deep within us that you are the light and the grace of the world. May we seek to find room for you in our hearts and in our lives so that the Christmas message of God incarnate, love incarnate is shared throughout the year and touches us deeply. Amen

*BETHLEHEM'S CHILD*  
*A Cantata for Christmas*  
By Victor Johnson & Lloyd Larson

Come and Worship  
Our Hope is in Emmanuel  
Waiting and Longing  
My Soul Does Magnify the Lord  
Christ is Born in Bethlehem  
Run, Shepherds!  
Cradle Carol  
Bethlehem's Child



NARRATOR: John McCullough

SOPRANOS

Lorelei Blane-Smith \*  
Sharon Foster \*  
Jackie Hopkins \*  
Lois McQuirter \*  
Sharon Penrose \*  
Victoria Tovell\*

Marlis Dupuis \*  
Mary Graham\*  
Debbie Just\*  
Sheila Payne (guest)  
Wilma Plews \*  
Gail Wilcox \*

ALTO

Elizabeth Asmann \*  
Sharlene Dunk-Hayward  
Jacqueline Hebert \*  
Sharon Whiteside \*

Pat Cowden \*  
Donna Earl \*  
Heather Tilson-Sutherland \*

TENORS

Rick Gerritsen \*  
Keith Stam \*

Don Penrose\*

BASS

Jeff Brown \*  
Wayne Morrison \*  
Elizabeth Rogers (guest)  
Desmond Williams \*

Ken MacDonald (guest)  
Ewing Rae \*  
Ian Sutherland\*

INSTRUMENTALISTS

Erika Rice (flute)  
Kelly Duguay (cornet)  
Matthew Rodnick (trombone)  
Choya Fraser (percussion)

Bill Sutherland (violin)  
Dave Taylor (cornet)  
Dan Donaldson (bass trombone)  
Jolene Ens (piano)

*\* member St Paul's choir*



religious tradition or theological position;  
whatever your economic status or political persuasion

You are welcome here!

If you are differently abled, you are welcome here!

If you are spiritually weary and in need of rest,

If you are mourning a deep loss in your life,

If you are skeptical;

if you have been hurt by religion,

If you have questions,

If you come full of doubts or confidence, joy or sorrow,

You are welcome here because you are God's creation,

and WIDE is God's Welcome!!

Friends! You are Welcome in this Place – Just as you are.

The church office will be closed starting Tuesday Dec 25, 2018 and will re-open on Wednesday January 2, 2019. Any last-minute donations can be made when the office re-opens on January 2 but must be dated in 2018. For any pastoral emergencies please contact

St Paul's budget time: Every year at this time we ask each committee to tell us their goals for expenses and fundraising for the next 12 months. Budget forms have been sent to all committees. Once you have had a discussion with your members, please complete the form and return it to the church office by January 15<sup>th</sup>.



St. Paul's 2019 calendars are now available at the church office at a cost of \$15 each. Proceeds go to St. Paul's United Church.

You can order coffee again this week and pick up previously ordered coffee in the Great Hall after the service. Coffee orders can be placed at the office during the week with delivery one week later.



Pledge card reminder - If you have not completed and handed in your pledge card, it's not too late. We are working on the 2019 budget and your pledge card to the church is a very important part of that budget.

UCW Church Calendars:

A limited number of 2019 UCW calendars are available at a cost of \$6.00 each.

Please contact Helen French at 705-526-8293 if you are interested.



*The beautiful poinsettias in the Sanctuary  
have been placed in memory of loved ones:*

In loving memory of Bob Broome and Gary Price, from Marilyn & family.

In memory of Mother, Father and sister Ellen, from Tom Barber.

In memory of loved ones from Anne & Joe Faragher & family and Lenore & Ivan Price & family.

In memory of Jim Nicholson, loving husband, father & grandfather, placed by his family.

In memory of parents, grandparents and other family members, from Ken & Doreen Gunson.

In memory of Norm Ellis & other family members, from the Ellis family.

In loving memory of son Scott Bertram, from Velma and Harold Bertram.

In loving memory of our daughter Kelli Coryell Morriss, from Bob & Jean Coryell.

In loving memory of Audrey Draper, from Norm Draper.

In loving memory of our son Chris Erb, from Peter & Joyce Erb.



We have a system for hearing support.  
Please speak to an usher for assistance.

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