



**St. Paul's United Church
Sunday, December 22, 2024
Advent 4, LOVE**

Cantata "Night of the Father's Love"

Music Director: Victoria Warwick

**Special Music: St Paul's Choir & Friends
with Instrumentalists & Narrators**

Reader: Dan Donaldson

Assisting: Peggy Wallace

**Tech Team: Glenn Erwin, Gabriela & Rick Dell,
Bruce Wilcox, Marina Commisso**

WELCOME

CALL TO THE GATHERED & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

OPENING CAROL: VU#36 "Angels From the Realms of Glory"

1. Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:
come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.
2. Shepherds in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant Light.
come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.
3. Sages, leave your contemplations; brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great desire of nations, ye have seen his natal star;
come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.
4. Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear;
suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear:
come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

OPENING PRAYER: read by Dan Donaldson

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF LOVE:

One: On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we come with love as a community of faith.

All: We watch, we wait, we wonder.

One: When we feel God's unfailing love, we are able to give love to – and receive it from – our families, our friends, our community of faith, and, yes, even those we find hard to love. There is enough love for all.

All: We experience God's love in the greatest gift for all of us, in the birth of Jesus, who is bringing love to the world.

One: As we light the fourth candle in our wreath, we take a moment to breathe in the Spirit of love.

SUNG RESPONSE: "Light a Candle"

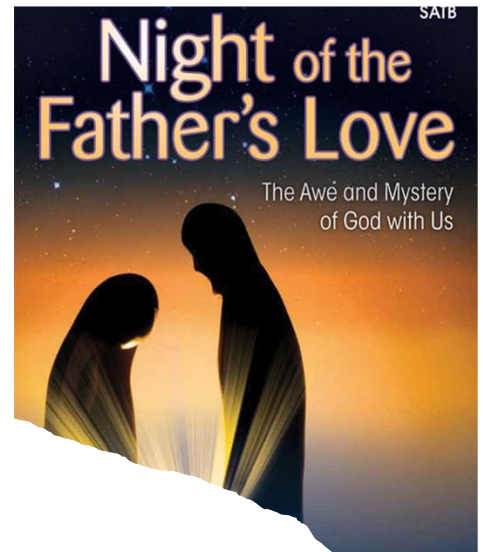
Light a candle for love in the darkness. Hearts content, we know you are near;
Advent watching and waiting for Jesus, God with us, your purpose is clear,
Emmanuel, love is here; love is here!

CANTATA

"NIGHT OF THE FATHER'S LOVE"

BY PEPPER CHOPLIN

Narration 1
The Coming of the Lord
Narration 2
Waiting
Narration 3
Angels Are Making Their Rounds
Narration 4
Night of the Father's Love
Narration 5
The Shepherds' Song
Narration 6
Seeking the King
Narration 7
Fall on Your Knees
Narration 8
Christ is Born, Nowell!



ST. PAUL'S CHOIR & FRIENDS:

Sopranos

Sharon Foster
Gail Wilcox
Debbie Just
Shelley Woodcock
Marlis Dupuis
Sheila Payne
Penny Copeland
Victoria Tovell
Fran Hill
Liz Rogers

Altos

Donna Earl
Karin Thwaites
Laura Spiers
Sharon Whiteside

Basses

Charlie Carswell
Michael Kearney
Tony Reines
Desmond Williams
Joe Attard

Tenors

Ken MacDonald
Rick Gerritsen
Don Penrose

Instrumentalists:

Colin Eccles
Veronica Duval
Bill Sutherland
Kelly Duguay
Dave Taylor
Cole Rowan
Matt Rodnick

Narrators:

Dan Donaldson & John McCullough

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS:

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

SUNG RESPONSE: VU# 55 (V. 4)

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 I can I give him – give my heart.

OFFERTORY PRAYER: Peggy Wallace

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER read by Dan Donaldson

CLOSING CAROL: VU #59 "Joy to the World" vs 1, 2, 4

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come; let earth receive her King!
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
2. Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns; let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
4. He rules the earth with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION – Peggy Wallace

POSTLUDE

A Note from Victoria: Cantata Sunday is always one of the most exciting and rewarding Sundays of the year for me. To be blessed to work with these wonderful choristers and instrumentalists is, indeed, a thrill! I am grateful to all involved in making this morning happen: our wonderful St Paul's Choir & Friends, our gifted Instrumentalists, our fabulous narrators and our skilled technical team. Thank you so very much for giving of your time and talent to make this Sunday particularly special through your many gifts. My best wishes to all for a happy and healthy Christmas and all the best for 2025.

MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS

The poinsettias decorating the chancel today are in memory of the following loved ones:

Aileen Wallace
Marian Wilcox
Doug & Lorraine Bumstead
Les & Alice Barber
Marjorie & Clarence Lusk
Eefje Vandendool
George Leck
Byron Metzgar
Harold Bertram
Ken & Bessie Cowan
Greg Rogers
Tom Rogers
Mario Arnone
Arthur Hollinger
Mel Brown

Gunter & Ruth Freund
Rocco Commisso
Bill & Jean Whitman
Chris Erb
Bob Broome
Gary Price
Shirley Dixon
Pat & Grace McTavish
Gord & Betty Grieve
Harold & Arlene French
John Steele
Cliff Pendelbury
Michael McConnell
John & Marion Deacon
Bernie & Mary Keating

Norm Ellis
Joyce Ellis
Doug Ellis
Phyllis MacFarlane
Bob Bell
Tom McCullough
Graham & Diane Patchell
Phyll McCullough
Jim McCullough
Joe & Loraine Gunson
Carl & Vi Reckzin
Judy Ford
Reuben Reckzin

