

Prelude *a time of quiet reflection*

Welcome and Announcements

The grace of Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Welcome to our Christmas Eve worship service at Knox Presbyterian Church in Bayfield.

This evening guest violinist Jamie Dow, pianist Betty Lou Norris, and organist Jean Walker will share their musical gifts with us.

Land Acknowledgement

The people of Knox Bayfield acknowledge that our community worships, lives, plays, and works on the traditional lands of the Anishinabewaki, Attiwonderonk (Neutral), and Mississauga peoples within Treaty 29, of 1827.

Hymn **Hope is a star** **#119**

Call To Worship [responsive] **Christmas Eve**

L: God has come into the world.

P: Glory to God in the highest!

L: This is the good news for all people: to us is born a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.

P: The world is transformed.

L: And things cannot remain the same.

P: It is made new in hope, peace, joy and love.

The candles are lit.

L: Let us pray:

P: Source of light, shine in our lives and in your world with your transforming power. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

God of mystery and wonder, Creator, Christ and Spirit, On this holy night, the angels sing your praises with great joy! Glory to you, O God! We praise you, singing with the angels, and amazed with the shepherds. Glory to you, O God, Source of Light and Love for all people. God of grace and mercy, the greatest gift of all is your Son Jesus. We confess we get caught up in our own gift giving on this holy night. Jesus was born in human flesh yet we fail to see the dignity in the human lives around us. Forgive us, O God, and help us cherish the love made flesh in the Christ Child. We pray in the name of Christ, Amen

Assurance of Pardon

The angels brought glad tidings that first Christmas night. Their words echo through the ages, "Do not be afraid." The Messiah was born for all people in this hurting world. Accept the forgiveness offered to you and rejoice with the angels.

Sharing the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Hymn O come, all ye faithful #159

To Hear The Word Of God

Prayer For Illumination

By the light of the Holy Spirit shining in our midst, open our hearts and minds, O God, to your Word. Amen.

Scripture Hebrew Bible Isaiah 9:2-7 [B#638/W#707]¹

¹ Page #'s for pew bibles with Blue or White edged pages

Special Music violinist **Jamie Dow**, pianist **Betty Lou Norris**

Scripture Hebrew Bible Titus 2:11-14 [B#57/W#58]

Hymn Away in the manger #149

Scripture Gospel Luke 2:1-20 [B#58/W#59]

Hymn Go tell it on the mountain #133

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Prayers of the People Lord's Prayer

Eternal God, may your peace be known in the midst of the pandemic, discord, and warfare. During this holy time, may your church proclaim the good news as we share the gift of Christ in prayer and action. May your healing dispel the darkness that breeds sickness, suffering, and need. May all people heed your call to care for your creation. Through Christ, with Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, we praise you, almighty God, as we lift our voices in the prayer taught by Christ ... Our Father who art in heaven, hallow'ed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The Passing of the Light

The sanctuary lights are turned off as the candles are lit for the Passing of the Light, the hymn Silent Night, and the benediction. To light your candle, tilt the

Hope is a star #119

1. Hope is a star that shines in the night, leading us on till the morning is bright.

Refrain When God is a child there's joy in our song. The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong, and none shall be afraid.

2. Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth, giving a promise of safety and worth. **Refrain**

3. Joy is a song that welcomes the dawn, telling the world that the Saviour is born.

Refrain

4. Love is a flame that burns in our heart. Jesus has come and will never depart. **Refrain**

Oh Come, All ye Faithful #159

Oh come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant; Oh come ye, oh come ye to Bethlehem. Come and behold him, born the King of angels

Refrain: Oh come let us adore him; Oh come let us adore him;
Oh come let us adore him: Christ the Lord.

God of God, Light of light, Born unto Mary, the virgin blest, Very God, begotten, not created: **Refrain**

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle, Leaving their flocks draw nigh with holy fear; We too will thither bend our joyful footsteps **Refrain**

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above: "Glory to God in the Highest!" **Refrain**

Yea, Lord we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing **Refrain**

139 Hark! The herald angels sing

Hark! The herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King, Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled. Joyful. All ye nations, rise; Join the triumph of the skies; With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem."

Refrain Hark! The herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King,

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord, Late in time behold him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the God-head see!

Hail the Incarnate deity! Pleased on earth with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. **Refrain**

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, Risen with healing in his wings. Mild, he lays his glory by, Born that we no more may die, Born to raise the lost of earth, Born to give us second birth. **Refrain**

#149

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky
looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus!
Look down from the sky,
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children
In your tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with you there.



#133

Go, tell it on the Mountain

Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere.
Go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light. (Refrain)

The shepherds feared and trembled,
while lo, above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Saviour's birth! (Refrain)

Down in a lowly manger
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation
that bless-ed Christmas morn. (Refrain)



#154

Silent Night

Silent night! Holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child,
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace;
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherd's quake at the sight:
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing "Hallelujah,
Christ, the Saviour is born!
Christ, the Saviour is born!"

Silent night! Holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.



#153

Joy to the World

Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
let earth receive its King;
let every heart prepare him room
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! the Saviour reigns:
let us our songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world 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, and wonders of his love.

