



# Varsity Acres Presbyterian Church

***One in Christ, Reaching Out to Many***  
“VAPC acknowledges that we are gathering on  
*Treaty 7 lands*”

**December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 - 7:00 pm**

**\* If you are able, please stand for these parts of worship.**

Prelude

Call to Worship

One: A child shall be born to us, a Son given to us.

**All: He is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

One: He is God's love come into the world.

**All: Come, let us adore Him!  
With the shepherds, may every knee bow before the  
newborn Saviour. With the angels, may every tongue  
sing: Glory to God in the highest!**

\*Carol 159 (vs. 1, 3, 4, 5) “O Come All Ye Faithful”

Welcome

**The First Lesson: Jesus' Birth Foretold to Mary**

Luke 1: 26 – 38

Anthem *Mary Did You Know*

Prayer of Adoration

\*Carol 149 *Away In A Manger*

Cathy Gale

arr.M.Biery

**The Second Lesson: The Birth of Jesus**

Luke 2: 1 – 7

Solo *O Holy Night*

Lighting of the Christ Candle (see insert)

Carol 168 (vs 1, 2, 5) *See Amid the Winter Snow*

Rod Tomlinson

Catherine Lippitt

Meditation **“Out of the Ordinary (1)”**

Carol 139 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Presentation of Offerings

Offertory

\*Dedication 145

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  
Yes, what I can I give him, give my heart.

\*Prayer of Dedication

**The Third Lesson: Visit from the Shepherds**

Luke 2: 8 – 20

Anthem *Night of Silence*

Amy Melnychuk - Oboe

Meditation **“Out of the Ordinary (2)”**

Rev. Rod Ferguson

D.Kantor

\*Carol 153 *Joy to the World*

Responsive Prayer of Thanksgiving (see insert)

**The Fourth Lesson: Light of the World**

John 1: 1 – 5, 10 – 14

The Light of Christ Comes to Our Hearts

\*Carol *Silent Night* (see insert)

John Hey

\*Benediction

Postlude *Sing we now of Christmas*

Junglee Youn - Piano

arr.D.Wyrtzen

*Thank-you to Kevin Waites, Amy Melnychuk, Gianetta Baril, Catherine Lippitt,  
Junglee Youn, the choir, readers, greeters and everyone who helped make tonight  
a special time of worship.*

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**People:** **That a virgin would conceive and bear a son, who she would call Emmanuel.**

Minister: Such a child was born 2,000 years ago,  
**People:** **From that humble beginning came the Saviour of the world.**

Minister: A baby in a manger held the promise of something new:  
**People:** **Reconciliation with God and everlasting life!**

Minister: Eternal God, because of this gift, we gather tonight in wonder,  
**People:** **Offering our thanks for what we have received.**

Minister: Help us to welcome the child of Christmas into our hearts,  
**People:** **That we may live in joy and love!**

Minister: May we imitate Your generosity,  
**People:** **And share freely with our neighbours.**

Minister: May our hopes in him be certain,  
**People:** **As we look forward to all you have in store for us.**

Minister: May we live in peace,  
**People:** **Knowing what this child of Christmas has accomplished for the whole world.**

**All:** **In Christ's name, Amen.**

**"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!  
Shepherds quake at the sight:  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
heavenly hosts sing "Hallelujah,  
Christ, the Saviour is born!  
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