

Worship of Lessons and Carols

December 27, 2020 | First Sunday after Christmas

Lead Minister: Rev. Lori Megley-Best | Musician: Dianne Nichols
Singers/Readers: Bev, Brian, Fay, Muriel, Christine, and Jamie

We Gather

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

ONE: Like the shepherds, we come to the stable,
uncertain of what we have heard and seen,

ALL: longing to hear a word of peace and joy.

ONE: Like the wise ones, we have journeys to make,
gifts to offer, and hope in our hearts,

ALL: that this world can change for the better.

ONE: Here, in the stillness of a Christmas morning,
we gather to share the light of Christ,
a light that shines for all.

**ALL: We gather in the wonder of this day
to share our joy and thanks for new life.**

Lighting the Advent Wreath

ONE: Our waiting is over. Christ is born. Christmas is here.
Now is a time of fulfillment and celebration.

ALL: We give thanks for the light of the Christ Child.

ONE: We light a candle of hope:
hope for ourselves, and for God's beloved world.
We light a candle of peace:
peace in our hearts, and on earth.
We light a candle of joy:
joy to the world, and within our whole being.
We light a candle of love:
the promise of God's love for us, and for all creation.
And now the hour has come and the season is fulfilled.

**ALL: We light the Christ candle,
the light of the world, the light of Love. Amen.**

Carol: ✱ VU 60 – O Come, All Ye Faithful (vs. 1,5)

① **O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem:
come and behold him, born the King of angels;**
(Refrain) **O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

⑤ **Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: (R)**

The Passing of the Peace

*May the Peace of Christ be with you. / **And also with you.***

Carol: ✱ VU 64 – O Little Town of Bethlehem (vs. 1,3,4)

① **O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.**

③ **How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessed gift of heaven.
No ear may hear his coming; but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.**

④ **O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.**

A Service of Lessons and Carols

THE FIRST LESSON - Genesis 1:26-2:4

Carol: ✱ VU 1 – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vs. 1,5,7)

① **O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lowly exile here
until the Son of God appear.**
(Refrain) **Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

⑤ **O come, O Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery. (R)**

⑦ **O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;
O bid our sad divisions cease,
and be for us the Prince of Peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

THE SECOND LESSON - Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Carol: ✱ VU 62 – Once in Royal David's City (vs. 1,2,4)

- ① **Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattleshed,
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed.
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.**
- ② **He came down to earth from heaven who, with God, is over all,
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall.
There among the poor and lowly lived on earth our Saviour holy.**
- ④ **And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;
for that child who seemed so helpless is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.**

THE THIRD LESSON - Luke 1:26–35

Carol: ✱ VU 48 – Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

- ① **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!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**
- ② **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 Godhead see; hail, the incarnate deity,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**
- ③ **Hail, the heavenborn 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 us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

THE FOURTH LESSON - Luke 2:1–20

Carol: ✱ VU 50 – He Is Born (vs. 1,4)

(Chorus) **He is born, little Child divine;**

play on the reeds while the lutes are strumming.

He is born, little Child divine; join the song to announce the day.

- ① **Through long ages of the past, prophets have fortold his coming;
through long ages of the past, now the time has come at last! (C)**
- ④ **Jesus, Lord of all the world, coming as a child among us,
Jesus, Lord of all the world, grant to us your heavenly peace. (C)**

THE FIFTH LESSON - John 1:1–14

Carol ✱ VU 67 – Silent Night, Holy Night

- ① **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.**
- ② **Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight:
glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing Hallelujah,
Christ the Saviour is born, Christ the Saviour is born.**
- ③ **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.**

Responding in Love

Offering / Offering Prayer

Compassionate Presence,

Inspire us to give with joy, gladly offering our time and treasure to you.

**Work through us and these gifts to transform our community and the
world. Work in us that our lives might reflect your goodness.**

In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Sung Response ✱ VU 55 – In the Bleak Midwinter (vs.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 [one], I would do my part;

yet what I can I give him—give my heart.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed 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.**

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,

for Thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

Moving in God's Way

Sharing the Christ Light

Carol: * VU 59 – Joy to the World

- 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.
- ③ 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.
- 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 and Benediction

Postlude

Announcements for December 27, 2020



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A WEEK AT A GLANCE:

Sun, Dec 27: First Sunday after Christmas – 10:30 am (online)

- *Worship of Lessons and Carols*

★ Office is Closed for Christmas Holidays until January 3rd ★

Sun, Jan 3: Second Sunday after Christmas – 10:30 am (on Zoom)

- *Guest Preacher: Rev. Gabrielle Suedfeld*

Sun, Jan 10: Epiphany Sunday (Rev Lori's last service with us)

< Mission Statements >

Hazelmere: To praise God together, celebrate our heritage,
grow in faith and reach out to others.

Cloverdale: To thrive in faith through relationship with God,
one another and the community.
To serve others as Jesus would.

✝ Offerings at CUC Last Sunday: \$2,441.50

- Offerings required each week to cover expenses: \$2,115.00

✝ ALL SERVICES ARE ONLINE

Due to the restrictions from BC Health Authority to prevent the spread of COVID-19, we continue to worship online on Zoom until further notice. Please read the emails from the church on Fridays or check our website for updates. If you know someone who wishes to be on our email list, please contact the Church office.

✝ BIBLE STUDY RESUMES ON JANUARY 12, 2021

Bible Study will take a break and will resume on January 12

✝ CHILDREN'S CHURCH WILL BE BACK JANUARY 3, 2021

Stay Tuned! Virtual Children's Church will be back on January 3rd!

✝ **HAZELMERE UNITED DISENGAGING FROM PASTORAL CHARGE**

At the congregation meeting of the Hazelmere United Church on December 20, 2020, a motion was passed to disengage from the Cloverdale Pastoral Charge effective December 31, 2020. This brings an end to a long formal relationship between Cloverdale United Church and the Hazelmere United Church. Our prayers and blessings go out to the HUC congregation as they proceed independently of this pastoral charge.

✝ **NEEDED: TECHIES FOR OUR ZOOM SERVICES**

We are looking for some people who are willing to learn how to run tech on Zoom. All we ask is that you are familiar with being a Host on Zoom, that you're available a few Sundays a month and that you are willing to come to an evening of learning what we do each Sunday morning. Please contact Robyn at cuc.cyg@gmail.com if you are interested in helping our congregation in this way!

✝ **JOB OPENING – MUSIC COORDINATOR**

CUC is searching for a music coordinator. Details are posted on our website and Facebook page. If you are interested in this position please send in your resume and cover letter to chuc@telus.net. Any questions to Laurel Zulke, Chair of Ministry & Personnel (604-575-7684).

Blast from the Past ✂ 8

Spicy Molasses Apple Cookies – Trixie Martyn

½ cup raisins	½ tsp salt
1 cup of shortening or margarine	1 tsp baking soda
1 ½ cups firmly packed brown sugar	3 tsp cinnamon
¼ cup light molasses	¼ tsp cloves
3 eggs	½ tsp nutmeg
3 ½ cups sifted all purpose flour	¼ tsp all spice
1 cup finely chopped apples	1 cup walnut pieces

Rinse raisin in hot water; drain on absorbent paper.

Cream shortening with brown sugar until light and fluffy. Add molasses. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition.

Mix and sift flour, salt, baking soda, and spices; add to mixture. Mix lightly. Stir in walnuts, apples, and raisins. Mix well. Drop by spoonful on greased baking sheet. Bake at 350 F for 12 to 15 minutes. Makes 5 ½ to 6 dozen cookies.



Poinsettia Placement in our Sanctuary:



In Memory of:

**LEN KAMP
RICK MCBAIN
MAY GRAHAM
JACK HUNTLEY
SHIRLEY JONES
BOB GROSSMAN
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In Appreciation of:

MR. MERV GRIERSON

