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Chair:	**Don Emerson**	
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Social Justice and Outreach: Jan Lucas
Fun, Food, Family and Friends: Gillian Stewart
Communications: Marg Conn
Ministry and Personnel: Ray Walker, Rae Broda, Dana Goedbloed, Jeanette Mossing
Stewardship and Finance: Ron Pepper
Sacred Spaces: Ian Ward

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

WEEKLY OFFERING - If you are financially able, we invite you to support our faith community via your PAR givings arranged through the office, by dropping off your offering envelope in the secured mailbox outside the front doors of the church at **345 Pym Street**, through the **"Donate"** tab on our website or before and after worship in the basket outside the front doors of the sanctuary or on the communion table.

STAFF HOURS - Jane and Karen are currently working 20 hours each. The office will be open Monday through Thursday from 9:30-Noon. Jennifer will be available in the office Monday through Thursday most days between 9:30-4:30 pm and for pastoral emergencies beyond these hours. The minister is also able to meet one on one for spiritual guidance abiding within all the recommended protocols. Please make appointments with her before to ensure a time to meet.

Zoom Worship Meeting ID 812 7823 4982, Passcode 261349, Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81278234982?pwd=WG1NVTJyMngxa3ppKzgyV0hBeTJ3QT09

IN-PERSON/ZOOM WORSHIP 10:00 am

KNOX UNITED CHURCH
December 19, 2021
ADVENT FOUR: CANDLE OF LOVE

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Our Core Values are:

Compassion, Inclusion, Joy, and Spirituality

Our Mission:

Guided by the creative Spirit of God, we are called to build community that cares, shares, and dares.

Rev. Jennifer Ferguson, *Minister* — Rev. Dr. M. Bruce McIntyre, *Minister Emeritus*
Jane Williams, *Administrator* — Kris Epps, *Music Director*
Karen *Freeman, Facility Coordinator* — Leslie Hawley, *Visual Arts*
Sandy Machan, *Tech* — Shirlene Donnelly, *Reader*

Welcome to Worship at Knox! We extend a very warm welcome to all who are a part of our community of faith, those who are joining us on zoom, and those who are seeking a new church home. May you receive what you need today and sense the presence of the Spirit of God moving among us. Our thanks to all those who are participating in today's service.

REGIONAL PRAYERS – Chaplains and Canada's Armed Forces & their families, serving at CFB Comox and around the world

THE HOLY GIFTS OF THE CHRIST- CHILD: LOVE

*Please stand if you are able

PRELUDE

INTROIT: NOEL Traditional African arr. Hal H. Hopson
SHARE THE LIGHT w/m Stacey Nordmeyer

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY TIME

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***HYMN: O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM v.1,2 64VU**

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.

For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth.

***HYMN: AWAY IN A MANGER v.1,2 69VU**

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.

CHILDREN'S TIME

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE OF LOVE (The Rishworth Family)

UNISON PRAYER

ADVENT HYMN: Love is a flame that burns in our heart,
Jesus has come and will never depart.

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.

(Children leave for Sunday School in the Lounge, parents can pick them up and leave through the Lounge doors)

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 1:18-25 (VIDEO) 1 John 4:7-12,17, 19-21

CONTEMPORARY READINGS

CHOIR ANTHEM: Waiting w/m Pepper Choplin

REFLECTION

MOMENTS OF SHARING Margaret Warburton/Don Emerson

***HYMN: DOWN TO EARTH, AS A DOVE 42VU**

Down to earth, as a dove, came to dwell holy love:
Jesus Christ from above bringing great salvation
meant for every nation.

CHORUS: Let us sing, sing, sing, dance and spring, spring, spring;
Christ is here, ever near! Gloria in excelsis.

This is love come to light, now is fear put to flight.
God defeats darkest night, giving for our sorrows
hope of new tomorrows. CHORUS

Christ the Lord comes to feed hungry souls in their need;
in the house, there is bread: Jesus in a stable,
in the church a table. CHORUS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
The singing bowls invites us into prayer…

SUNG RESPONSE:
A light is gleaming, spreading its arms
throughout the night, living in the light.
Come share its gladness, God's radiant love
is burning bright, living in the light.

LORD'S PRAYER (sung) 959VU

COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

CHRISTMAS MEDLEY

BLESSING

POSTLUDE