



The Birth of Our Lord: Christmas Eve
A Festival Service of the Word

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THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

CLOVERDALE UNITED CHURCH



WELCOME! As we say at nearly every worship service, “No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey God welcomes you... and so do we.” We take these words seriously. We strive to be a community as diverse and hospitable as God’s kingdom. We don’t all look or act alike; God knows we don’t all think alike. We don’t all read the Bible the same way. We come from different religious backgrounds, we bring different questions, and we carry different burdens. But every Sunday, we gather and worship God together as one.

In this lovely old church, we do worship in some fairly traditional ways. We study the teachings and the actions of Jesus. We gather around the waters of grace and the feast table of Christ, just as Christians have done for nearly two thousand years. Some of the songs we sing (certainly not *all* of them, though) are ones our grandparents might also have sung in their day. And yet, amidst rituals and rites rooting us in a deep heritage, we wrestle with the challenges of the modern world and we listen for God’s Spirit still speaking into our lives today. We hope your heart will hear something personal and relevant this night—a word of comfort, a spur to action, a call to a deeper relationship with God.

If you’re a newcomer among us, we’d love to hear from you and be able to keep in touch! There are plenty of opportunities here to feed your soul and expand your spirit. Try one out. You never know—you just might be home!

Merry Christmas!

GATHERING 모임

The Spirit gathers us in unity on the first day, the day of Christ's resurrection

Prelude 전주

Christ Light Calls Us into Worship 성탄절 촛불 점화

One: “Good news of great joy,” the angel said,
“for to you a saviour is born.”
“Peace on earth,” the choir sang,
“for God reigns in the highest.”
“Follow me,” the star beckoned,
“For Hope was born in Bethlehem.”

As we light the Christ candle,

Many: we watch for the Christmas story around us.

The Christ Candle—which stands at the centre of our Advent wreath that has successively blazed with the lights of hope, peace, joy, and love as we prepared the way—is now lit.

One: Emmanuel has come and is coming.

Many: Come, all ye faithful, and worship God.

Hymn 찬송 — “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Voices United #60 – vv. 1, 3, 5

Greeting 인사

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: And also with you.

Acclamation 예배로 부름

One: Holy people, beloved of God, come.
Come to follow the way prepared for you.

**Many: Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth, peace.**

One: Once again the earth is surprised at a manger,
as the glory of God transforms the commonplace.

**Many: Let us go to Bethlehem to see
what God has made known to us.**

One: Experience the wonder of God's ways.
Kneel in awe before life newly borne.

**Many: Let us bring glory and praise to God
for all that we have seen and heard!**

Prayer of the Day 오늘의 기도

One: Let us pray.

Great God, as you came at night when all was still,
so enter our lives this night.
Illumine our paths with the light of Christ's presence,
that we may clearly see the way before us,
the truth to speak,
and the life to live for him, our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Many: Amen.

Hymn 찬송 — “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

Voices United #35

A Word of Welcome

WORD 말씀

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

Reading 성경봉독 — Isaiah 9:2-7

pew bibles OT p. 638

This poem promises deliverance from Assyrian oppression, a hope based on the birth of a royal child with a name full of promise. While Judah's king will practice justice and righteousness, the real basis for faith lies in *God's* passion for the people: The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this!

after the reading:

One: Word of God, Word of Life.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Anthem — “Still, Still, Still,” trad. Austrian carol

The Choir

Still, still still: the night is calm and still.
The Christ-child in his crib lies sleeping, angels round him watch are keeping.
Still, still, still: the night is calm and still.

Sleep, sleep, sleep: sweet Jesus, softly sleep,
while Mary sings and gently holds you, safely in her arms enfolds you.
Sleep, sleep, sleep: sweet Jesus softly sleep.

Joy, joy, joy; glad tidings of great joy!
For through God's holy incarnation Christ is born for our salvation.
Joy, joy, joy; glad tidings of great joy!

Reading 성서봉독 — Luke 2:1-7

pew bibles NT p. 58

God's greatest gift comes as a baby in a manger, and the world's deep night is shattered by the light of God's new day.

IN ENGLISH

after the reading:

One: Word of God, Word of Life.

Many: Thanks be to God.

IN KOREAN

after the reading:

One: 아멘 (Amen).

Many: 아멘 (Amen).

Hymn 찬송 — “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

Voices United #58

Reading 성서봉독 — Luke 2:8-20

pew bibles NT p. 58

In the majesty of angel song and in the scene at the manger, the glory of God is revealed to poor shepherds, who share the good news with others.

IN ENGLISH

after the reading:

One: Word of God, Word of Life.

Many: Thanks be to God.

IN KOREAN

after the reading:

One: 아멘 (Amen).

Many: 아멘 (Amen).

Anthem — “Who Would Send a Baby?” by Mary Kay Beall

Trio from The Choir

Who would send a baby to heal a world in pain? Who would send a baby, a tiny child?

When the world is crying for the Promised One, who would send his only son?

Who would send a baby to light a world with love? Who would send a baby, a tiny child?

When the world is hoping for the Promised one, who would send His only son?

Who would choose a manger to cradle a King? Who would send angels to sing?

Who would hang a star above to shine on the gift of His infinite love?

Who would send a baby to bless a world with peace? Who would send a baby, a tiny child?

When the world is yearning for the Promised one, who would send a baby?

Who would send a baby? Who would send his only begotten son?

Sermon 설교

a brief pause of quiet follows the sermon

Hymn 찬송 — “See amid the Winter’s Snow”

Voices United #76 – vv. 1, 2, 5

RESPONSE 응답

We begin our lives of responding to the gospel, in prayer and offering

Prayers of the People, ending with The Lord’s Prayer 회중기도와 주기도

One: For all who give you a face, Lord Jesus,
by spreading your love in the world:

Many: we praise you.

One: For all who give you hands, Lord Jesus,
by doing their best toward their fellow travellers:

Many: we praise you.

One: For all who give you a mouth, Lord Jesus,

by defending the weak and the oppressed:

Many: we praise you.

One: For all who give you eyes, Lord Jesus,
by seeing every bit of love in the heart of humanity:

Many: we praise you.

One: For all who give you a heart, Lord Jesus,
by preferring the poor to the rich, the weak to the strong:

Many: we praise you.

One: For all who give to your poverty, Lord Jesus,
the look of hope for the Kingdom:

Many: we praise you.

One: For all who reveal you simply by what they are, Lord Jesus,
because they reflect your beauty in their lives:

Many: we praise you.

One: With Mary, help us to treasure and ponder the gift that has been given
to us, a gift of good news and great joy for all.

Many: Open our hearts to faith, we pray.

One: With the prophets, help us to proclaim the promise of your peace for
all nations and your justice for all people.

Many: Make your way known among us, we pray.

One: With the shepherds, help us to keep watch over those entrusted to our
care and all who need protection this night.

**Many: Guard with your love the homeless, the preoccupied, the
oppressed, the sick, and the lonely, we pray.**

One: With the angels, help us to offer signs of hope, comfort, and joy for all
who live in fear.

Many: Give us grace to share the gospel news, we pray.

One: Blessed are you, O Christ child, that your cradle was so low that
shepherds, poorest and simplest of earthly people, could yet kneel
beside you, and look, level-eyed, into the face of God. Blessed One,
we come to you in reverence, and pray together as you taught:

**Many: 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.**

Many ways to give! We welcome your offering in the way that works for you: by cash or cheque brought or sent to the church, through automatic monthly gifts via Pre-Authorized Remittance (contact the church office to enrol), by free eTransfer from your bank account (to cloverdalepastoralcharge@gmail.com), or by credit card via CanadaHelps.org (service fees apply). Want to give right now but don't have cash or cheque? Scan the QR Code → to be taken to our CanadaHelps page.



An Offering Thought:

Today we celebrate that God gave God-self to the world, born to us this day, in Jesus. When we give generously, we also share ourselves.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM — “The Little Cradle Rocks” by Jay Althouse *The Choir*

The little cradle rocks tonight in glory in glory, in glory.
The little cradle rocks tonight in glory, Christ child born in glory. Sing a-men, a-men.
The little cradle rocks in glory. Sing A-men, a-men. Christ child born in glory.
Peace on earth! Mary, rock the cradle. Rock the cradle Rock the cradle.
Peace on earth! Mary rock the cradle. Christ child born in glory. Sing a-men, a-men.
The little cradle rocks in glory. Sing a-men, a-men.
Christ child born in glory. The little cradle rocks tonight in glory, in glory, in glory.
The little cradle rocks tonight in glory, Christ child born in glory. Sing a-men, a-men.
The little cradle rocks in glory. Sing a-men, a-men.
Christ child born in glory! Christ child born in glory.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING 감사기도

Many: God of mystery and might,
in Christ’s face we behold your glory,
for in his life is your gift of salvation.
Make our hearts burn with thanksgiving,
that we may give as we have received,
letting our whole lives be gifts of praise to you. Amen.

SENDING 파송

God blesses us and sends us forth in mission for the world

Spreading the Light of Christ

Hymn 찬송 — “Silent Night, Holy Night”

Voices United #67

Charge and Benediction 파송과 축도

*** RESPONSE 파송 찬양** — from “The First Nowell”

Voices United #91 – v. 6

Postlude 후주

Many thanks to the members of The Choir present tonight and to today's readers, digital ushers, and other helpers! (Not all details were finalized at the time of publication.)

CHRISTMAS CONTINUES at Cloverdale United Church

✦ **Sun., December 26: 1st Sunday after Christmas** ✦

10:30 am Sunday Morning Worship

Online-only: A Service of Lessons and Carols

✦ **Sun, January 2: The Feast of the Epiphany (obs.)** ✦

10:30 am Sunday Morning Worship

Online-only: led by Rev. Matthew Emery, lead minister

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Some news and notes

Church Office: Please note that the church offices will be closed December 25th through January 2nd. *In the event of a pastoral emergency, the Reverend Janice Young of Peninsula United Church in South Surrey is on-call; she can be reached by email janice@peninsulaunited.com or by calling Peninsula United Church at 604-531-2979.*

It's the end of the year as we know it... so help us feel fine! A quick reminder that Friday, December 31st, is the deadline for making contributions to Cloverdale United Church to be included in your 2021 charitable giving tax calculations. As you make your decisions about end-of-the-year giving, consider a special end-of-the-year donation toward the mission and ministry of CUC! (*And for CUC leaders and volunteers, remember that December 31st is also the deadline for submitting any last reimbursements or other expenses for payment in 2021.*)

Special Election Meeting of the Cloverdale UCW: *Sunday, January 9, following CUC Sunday morning worship.* Our congregation's chapter of the United Church Women will be convening a special business meeting on Sunday, January 9, 2022, following Sunday morning worship, for the purposes of electing a new President and Vice-President. Tina Thomlinson has offered to sit as President and Kim Forbes as Vice-President; the vote of the UCW membership is necessary, however, to make this official. All United Church Women members are asked to be in attendance if possible.

New ELL classes begin the week of January 10th: We welcome both students and volunteers to join the next season of ELL classes, which is an opportunity to learn English and expand the relationship of the Christian community.

- Group 1 - Daily Conversation: Mon. 9:30-11:30 & Sun. 9:30-10:20
- Group 2 - English - Basic course: Tues. 9:20-11:20
- Group 3 - Parenting Program - Mother wise, 'Wisdom': Tues. 11:40-1:40 & Sun. 9:00-9:55
- Group 4 - English - Intermediate course: Fri. 9:30-11:30 & Sun. 9:30-10:20
- Group 5 - Free talking: Sun. 9:00-9:55

If you want to volunteer or if you have any questions, please contact the Intercultural Ministry Coordinator, Chohee Won (chohee@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca)

Jan. 10th - Mar. 27th, 2022

Cloverdale United Church **ELL Class**



01

Group A

Monday, 9:30-11:30 & Sunday, 9:30-10:20
Daily Conversation

02

Group B

Tuesday, 9:20-11:20
English - Basic course

03

Group C

Tuesday, 11:40-1:40 & Sunday, 9:00-9:55
Parenting Program - Mother wise, 'Wisdom'

04

Group D

Friday, 9:30-11:30 & Sunday, 9:30-10:20
English - Intermediate course

05

Group E

Sunday, 9:00-9:55
Free talking



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We are a welcoming, historic, and progressive Christian community, reaching out from the historic heart of Surrey at Cloverdale since 1875. We seek to thrive in faith through relationship with God, one another, and the community.... to serve others as Jesus would.

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