



## **CENTRAL SAANICH UNITED CHURCH**

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**Central Saanich United Church**  
**United Church of Canada**  
**Second Sunday After Christmas**  
**January 2<sup>nd</sup> , 2022**

*Many thanks to these wonderful people for helping with today's Service:*

*Amy Nold: Music Director*

*Steve Howell: Reader*

*Helen Wright: Singing*

*Marian Garnett Powerpoint Presentation*

**WE GATHER**

**Prelude**

**Welcome, Celebrations and Announcements**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**We Sing:** Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies

**VU 336**

**Opening Words...**

Glory to God in the highest,

**For out of God's own being,**

**Jesus has come to bring light and love to all people.**

Jesus is Emmanuel, God-with-us,

come to gather our tears and laughter,

our work and our play, into God's loving embrace.

**Glory to God in the highest,**

**and on earth, peace and goodwill toward all.**

*(from Celebrate God's Presence, p. 112.)*

**We Pray...**

Holy God of heaven and earth, we come into your presence on this first Sunday on a New Year to give thanks for your great love shown to us in your child, Jesus.

**We come with our regrets that the past year was not all that we hoped it might be, not always following your will for our lives.**

We come with our fears of what this year may bring, for the world and for our personal lives. We come because our hope is in you.

**You are the God of new beginnings; the God who brings newness of life, who In Jesus promises never to leave us or forsake us.**

So we gather to offer up our thanks for the good that has been, our tears for what has been that ought not to have been, and our prayers that we will be your faithful people in the year ahead.

**In Christ's name and as his people, we pray.**

**Amen.**

Children's Time

Ringling The Tone Bell (invitation to a moment of quiet)

### **WE LISTEN TO THE WORD**

Special Music

From Our Scriptures: John 1: 1-18

From The World Around: Us: Christmas Tide

*(by Karla D. Weir)*

Sermon: "Words, Words, and More Words"

### **WE RESPOND TO THE WORD**

**We Sing:** Unto Us a Boy Is Born

**VU 54 (vs.1,2,4,5)**

Offering

Invitation

**Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**

**VU 541**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Give thanks to God in love made known.

Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

Dedication of the Gifts

### **WE PRAY**

**Hymn:** Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

**VU 400**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (Sung version)

**VU 959**

### **WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION**

**Hymn:** O Jesus, Joy of Living Hearts

**VU 472**

Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

Commissioning and Benediction:

May the gifts of Christmas extend all through the year.

**May we share the gifts of Christmas in how we live and be with others.**

May God bless you and keep you.

Go in the peace of Christ, the love of God, and the power of the Holy Spirit, this day and every day.

**Amen.**

*(adapted, Mary Parsons in Gathering, Christmas, 2021-22, p. 38)*

**Going Forth:** Joy To The World

**VU 59 (vs. 1,4)**

**Postlude**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- If you would like either a 2022 Calendar (\$8), or world famous mincemeat (\$7), please contact Marlene Hartley ph. (250) 652-1660.
- AGM Reports are now due. Please submit them to the Office.

### **Our Vision Statement**

***“Deepening and demonstrating our faith in Jesus Christ by **PARTNERING** in and with the community of Central Saanich and beyond.”***



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