

Waterloo North Mennonite Church
Christmas Eve Candle Light Service
Monday, December 24, 2018 6:30 p.m.

Prelude

Isaiah 40:3-5

Hymn: HWB (blue) #172 "O Come, O Come, Immanuel"

Welcome

Invocation: STS (purple) #126

Hymn: HWB (blue) #190 "Twas in the moon of wintertime"

Watching & Waiting in Hope

Luke 1:46-55

Leader: The first candle of Advent is a light of hope in the night.

People: We wait expectantly for the Messiah, for God's promises to be fulfilled.

Leader: We turn to you, O God, in the midst of this chaotic world, longing for that day of salvation to arrive.

All: Fill us with the faith and the hope of what is to be as we come before you with open hearts.

String Quartet:

"Corelli Christmas Concerto"

Hymn: HWB (blue) #197 "Angels we have heard on high"

Proclaiming Peace

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Leader: Prepare the way of the Lord, for things are about to change.

People: As violence and wars continue on this earth, we acknowledge that Jesus came to show us the way of peace.

Leader: We are called to turn around, repent and allow God to renew us and work within us.

All: The second candle of Advent reminds us that we are a part of that change for peace.

Hymn: HWB (blue) # 201 "Hark! The herald angels sing"

Choir

"Gabriel's message"

"There is no Rose"

Rejoicing in God's Justice

Isaiah 11:1-10

Leader: The third candle is for joy. Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for God-with-us is coming to set things right!

People: The proud will be scattered and the humble lifted up.

Leader: Jesus will guide us in the way of peace and proclaim salvation.

All: Let us rejoice, for our God comes to bring wholeness and new life to the world.

Hymn: HWB (blue) #212 "O come, all ye faithful"

String Quartet "Drummer Boy" and "Feliz Navidad"

Blessings and Love

Hymn: HWB (blue) #199 "The first Noel"

John 1:1-5, 9-14; 3:16, 17

Leader: God's love for us is truly the light of the world.

People: We celebrate the good news, which breaks the power of oppression and welcomes all refugees.

Leader: The fourth candle is a declaration that light breaks into darkness, that love is stronger than evil.

All: God loves us. God is reaching out to us with love. God gives us love to love each other. Let it be so.

Hymn: "Away and in Danger" (insert), music is HWB (blue) #194

The Christ Candle

String Quartet

"Still, Still, Still"

Luke 2:1-20

Leader: God brings hope, peace, joy and love.

People: Emmanuel, God is with us.

Leader: Jesus is God's gift of Self-revelation. Let us be illuminated by His light.

All: Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to all people.

Lighting the Christ Candle

Lighting individual candles

Hymn: (insert # 215 & 26) "What Child is this" / "Helpless and hungry"

Hymn: (insert # 193) "Silent Night"

Please extinguish your candle

Benediction: STS (purple) #137

Hymn: HWB (blue) # 318 "Joy to the world"

Postlude

This year's **Christmas Eve offering** will be split between two special projects, one "local" and one "international". Our local offering is for Shalom Counselling Services, and the international designation is for purchasing supplies for MCC infant kits. The children's Sunday School classes will assemble the kits.

Please make your cheque out to Waterloo North Mennonite Church. You are invited to place your offerings into the baskets as you leave.

Thank-you to all the prelude musicians and choir members for your love of music and your hard work to prepare for worship this evening.

MERRY CHRISTMAS