

# Centennial United Church, Stayner

Wednesday December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Christmas Eve Service

*"Ring the Bells of Christmas"*

Worship Leader: Jennifer Irving

Music Leaders: Megan Arksey & June Flynn



**Words of Wisdom:** *"The story of Christmas  
is the story of God's relentless love for us."*

~ Max Lucado

## *Ring the Bells of Christmas*

### Gathering Music

#### Greeting

One: *(bell)* Hear ye! Hear ye! *(bell)*

What is the good news of this night?

**ALL: Jesus is born! Thanks be to God! *(bell)***

**Hymn VU #60 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (vs. 1, 3, 4)**

## *Ring the Bell of Hope*

One: *(bell)* Hear ye! Hear ye! *(bell)* This is the good news!

Jesus Christ was born to bring us hope!

**ALL: Jesus is born! Thanks be to God! *(bell)***

**A Story of Hope** *(The Advent Candle of Hope is Lit)*

**Hymn VU #69 "Away in a Manger"**

## *Ring the Bell of Peace*

One: *(bell)* Hear ye! Hear ye! *(bell)* This is the good news!

Jesus Christ was born to bring us peace!

**ALL: Jesus is born! Thanks be to God! *(bell)***

**A Story of Peace** *(The Advent Candle of Peace is lit)*

**Choir Anthem "No Obvious Angels"**

### *Ring the Bell of Joy*

One: *(bell)* Hear ye! Hear ye! *(bell)* This is the good news!  
Jesus Christ was born to bring us joy!

**ALL: Jesus is born! Thanks be to God! *(bell)***

**A Story of Joy** *(The Advent Candle of Joy is lit)*

**Hymn VU #59 "Joy to the World"**

### *Ring the Bell of Love*

One: *(bell)* Hear ye! Hear ye! *(bell)* This is the good news!  
Jesus Christ was born to bring us love!

**ALL: Jesus is born! Thanks be to God! *(bell)***

**A Story of Love** *(The Advent Candle of Love is lit)*

**Hymn VU #46 "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"** *(tune: Good King Wenceslas)*

### *Ring the Bell of Christ!*

One: *(bell)* Hear ye! Hear ye! *(bell)* This is the good news!  
Jesus Christ was born to bring us God!

**ALL: Jesus is born! Thanks be to God! *(bell)***

**Scripture: Luke 2:1-7**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

One: *(bell)* Hear ye! Hear ye! *(bell)* This is good news.  
We know Jesus is born.

**ALL: We light the Christ Candle remembering God's gift of Jesus.**

One: Jesus to walk with us through life.

**ALL: Jesus to share God's love with us.**

One: Jesus to teach us of God's ways.

**ALL: Thanks be to God for Jesus. *(bell is rung, Christ Candle is lit)***

### *Ring the Bell of Christmas!*

**Offering**

One: *(bell)* Hear ye! Hear ye! *(bell)* We have heard the good news!  
Now let us offer the gifts of our hearts, hands, and lives in  
celebration of the news that Jesus Christ is born!

**ALL: Jesus is Born! Thanks be to God!**

# Offertory Hymn VU #74 “What Child Is This” (vs. 3)

## A Christmas Prayer of Dedication

### *We Go Forth to Be a Blessing*

## Hymn VU #67 “Silent Night”

### Sending Forth and Blessing

One: *(bell)* Hear ye! Hear ye! *(bell)*

As we journey into the joy that is this holy night,  
let us celebrate the good news.

**ALL: Jesus is born! Thanks be to God!** *(bell)*

### Sung Blessing VU #43 “Go, Tell it On the Mountain” *(refrain)*

***Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.***

***Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!***

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*Thank you for worshipping with us this afternoon online & in person*

*Please join us following the service in the CE Hall for Christmas Pudding*

*Thank you to June Flynn for joining us on the glorious organ  
and Megan Arksey for her beautiful musical accompaniment.*

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reading stories and light candles.*

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