

Carol / Hymn Singing Sunday

January 11, 2026

Gathering Music “We Three Kings”

Welcome



Announcements





Lighting the Christ Candle

Lord, may this candle be a light for you to enlighten our decisions in the New Year. May it be a flame for you to build warmth into our heart towards our family, our neighbours and all those who we meet. Amen.



Prelude

“O, Holy Night”

- Noreen D.

Call to Worship

We start the New Year. Come, let us lift our voices in praise to the Lord.

We come to sing of God's goodness and grace.

From generation to generation, God's people have sung His praise.

**With grateful hearts, we join that song today.
Let us worship God together in hymns of praise !
Amen.**

***Hymn VU # 1 (vs 1 & 2) "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"**

- Donna

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lowly exile here
until the Son of God appear.

**Refrain Rejoice ! Rejoice ! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

2 O come, O Wisdom from on high,
who orders all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go. **R**

Prayer of Confession & Assurance

Merciful God, you have given us songs of faith to carry us through every season of life, yet we confess that we do not always live in harmony with Your will.

We have sung of love but failed to love our neighbours.

We have sung of trust but relied on our own strength.

We have sung of grace but held on to guilt, fear, and pride.

Forgive us, O Lord. Tune our hearts to your truth, restore our joy in your salvation, and help us to live the faith we proclaim in song.

Brothers and sisters, hear the good news: *“The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.”* (Psalm 103:8)

Believe the Gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and set free.

Thanks be to God ! Amen.

1 What child is this, who laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping ?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
while shepherds watch are keeping ?

***Refrain* This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the Babe, the Son of Mary !**

2 Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading. R

Time with the Young People

by Rev. Yun-Hee



Children Song

*“Silent Night,
Holy Night”*
- Dennis & Riemke

Hymn VU # 71 (vs. 1 & 2)

“ 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime”

- Noreen K.

1 'Twas in the moon of wintertime,
when all the birds had fled,
that mighty Gitchi Manitou
sent angel choirs instead;
before their light the stars grew dim,
and wandering hunters heard the hymn:

Refrain **Jesus your King is born,
Jesus is born,
in excelsis gloria.**

2 Within a lodge of broken bark
the tender babe was found,
a ragged robe of rabbit skin
enwrapped his beauty round;
but as the hunter braves drew nigh,
the angel song rang loud and high:

Refrain **Jesus your King is born,
Jesus is born,
in excelsis gloria.**

*(The children may now proceed with their
guardians to have sharing time.)*

The Scripture Reading Psalm 96:1- 6 *read by Rev. Yun-Hee*

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the Earth. Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the LORD made the heavens. Splendour and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary.

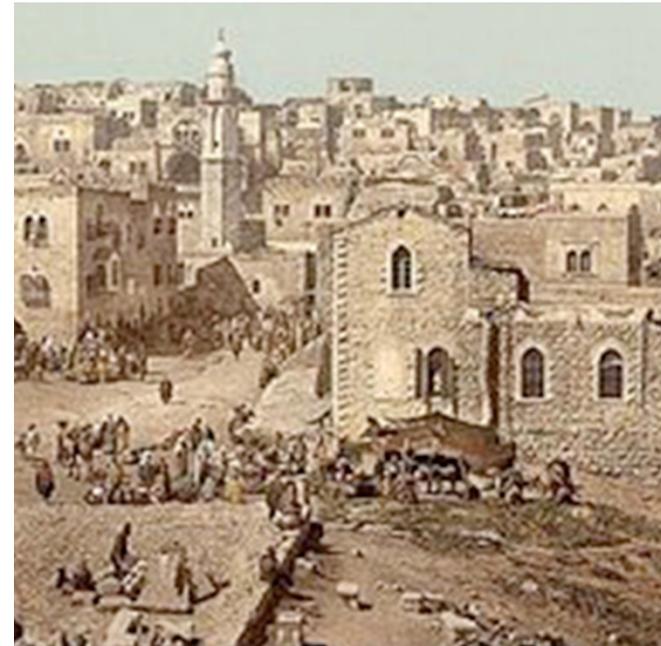
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

We give thanks for inspiration.

Vida: This “Carol” is often used in cathedrals as the opening processional with a young singer doing the first verse as a solo.

1 Once in royal David's city
 stood a lowly cattleshed,
 where a mother laid her baby
 in a manger for his bed.
 Mary was that mother mild,
 Jesus Christ her little child.

2 He came down to Earth from Heaven
who, with God, is over all,
and his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall.
There among the poor and lowly
lived on Earth our Saviour holy.





Message

Rev. Yun-Hee

Hymn VU # 43 (vs 1 & 2)

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

- Derek

Refrain

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

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

- 1 While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light. **R**

2 The shepherds feared and trembled
when lo, above the Earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Saviour's birth !

Refrain

**Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere.
Go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born.**



Prayers of the People

Gracious and faithful God, we stand at the threshold of a new year, grateful for your presence in the year that has passed and trusting in your guidance for the days ahead.

We thank you for moments of joy and growth, for lessons learned through challenge and change, and for your steadfast love that has carried us through every season.

As we begin this New Year, we pray for our world.

May you bring peace where there is conflict, healing where there is brokenness, and justice where there is oppression.

Guide the leaders of nations with wisdom, humility, and compassion.

We pray for our communities and our church.

May you strengthen us to be a people of welcome and hope, faithful in service, generous in love, and bold in sharing the good news of Christ.

We pray for those who enter this year with heavy hearts - for the sick and suffering, for those who grieve, for the lonely, the anxious, and the uncertain. Grant comfort, healing, and renewed strength.

We pray for those who rejoice at the dawn of this year - for new beginnings, new callings, and new opportunities.

Help us to use each gift wisely, and to walk faithfully in the paths you set before us. As we step into this new year, O God, renew our commitment to follow you, to seek your will, and to trust in your Grace each day. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.



Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowéd 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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn VU # 658 (vs 1 & 2)

“O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”

- Jim

1 O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

2 O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.

Hymn VU # 337 (vs 1 & 2)

“Blessed Assurance”

- Marian

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine !
O what a foretaste of glory divine !
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of the Spirit, washed in Christ's blood.

Refrain **This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long.**

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight !
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Refrain This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long.

Hymn VU # 670 (vs 1 & 2) “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

- Rick & Rosalie, and Al:

1 Precious Lord, take my hand,
lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
through the storm, through the night,
lead me on to the light:
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

2

When my way grows drear,
precious Lord, linger near,
when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call,
hold my hand lest I fall:
take my hand,
precious Lord, lead me home.



Musical Offering VU # 540

Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.

Offering Prayer

There is so much that needs doing, O God, and we have no magic wand to get it done without effort and no gold, frankincense and myrrh to finance our efforts. Here is our offering, but we also present our lives so that, in your Grace, all of our offerings may meet the needs to which they are directed. Give us wisdom and courage as we seek to offer all that we are in your work.



JOY
IS THE
SIMPLEST
FORM OF
GRATITUDE
- KARL BARTH

*Hymn VU # 59 (vs 1, 2 & 4)

“Joy to the World”

- Wendy

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Joy to the world ! the Lord is come:

let Earth receive her King !

Let every heart prepare him room,

and Heaven and nature sing, and Heaven and

nature sing,

and Heaven, and Heaven and nature sing.



2 Joy to the Earth ! the Saviour reigns:
let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

4 He rules the Earth with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

Blessing

We have gathered on this day of mystery, seeking the ways in which God brings mystery and imagination to our lives.

We have gathered, for we are successors to those who discovered in Jesus a special Child, a unique person, a learned adult, a Chosen One anointed by God.

Now we go forth to follow in the Way of Jesus, knowing that the Grace of Christ attends us, the Love of God surrounds us, and the Holy Spirit keeps us now and always.

Amen.

Commissioning “Go Now in Peace”

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true.

Know God will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love and show you believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there within, around, above.

Go now in peace, in faith and in love.

Amen, amen, amen.

**We thank God for being with us,
thank you Congregation
for worshipping today
in person and by Zoom**

**Thank you so much for sharing
your favourite hymns and
carols ! We really appreciate
your contribution.**

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