

**Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada**

December 24, 2020

4:30 p.m.

Children Christmas Eve Worship

Central Queens Mission Statement

Central Queens United Church is a loving and living community called to support the life stages of all people; celebrating joy and sharing in pain. Through faith and fellowship we are united by God's love to live and serve as Disciples of Christ.

Gathering

Prelude

Opening Carol

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

VU #60

Call to worship

On this magical night we come together at church,
to say Happy Birthday Jesus!

On this cold chilly night we come together at church,
like the shepherds, we come from afar.

On this silent night, we come together at church,
like the Angels to sing carols and praise God.

On this starry night, we come together at church,
to bring gifts of life and love.

Come then, let us worship God on this magical, chilly, silent and starry night - we come to worship Emmanuel - God with us.

Lighting of Advent Candle

Voice 1: Love-shine, your moment has come. In the darkness of the womb you waited. Bathed in the balm of the star, you rest. Into a world sorely in need of your light, you are born.

Voice 2: When you knock on our door looking for room, may we welcome you. Like the Herald of your birth, call us to share your good news first with those who are poor, excluded and afraid.

The light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot put it out.

Light the Christ candle and all four advent candles.

Voice 1: The love of heaven has come to earth.

Voice 2: The call of Christ begins in a baby's cry. Listen and respond.

We light the Christ candle. May it light the way.

Prayer of Approach

Hi Jesus! Thank you for inviting us to your birthday party! We are very excited to be here. We love singing carols about your birth and hearing stories about angels, shepherds and magi who came to visit you. We are like those people - we come to visit you this night in wonder, awe and praise. Although there are

lots of gifts, the best gift you give us, and what we can give each other is the gift of our love. Amen.

Carol “Gentle Mary Laid Her Child” VU #46

The Word

The Story of Jesus Birth - Video Presentation

Carol “What Child is This” VU #74

A Christmas Story *For all the World*

The Response

Anthem

Offering

Prayers

Blessing

To you is born this night a Saviour who is Christ the Lord.
May the love of the Christ child embrace you;
the joy of the Christ child fill your heart.
May the peace of the Christ child give you rest,
and the hope of the Christ child guide you into your year ahead.
Amen

Hymn “Silent Night, Holy Night” VU #67

Candles will be lit

Choral Amen