**St.Andrews United Church and**

**New Vision Community Church**

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**Christmas Eve Service**

**December 24, 2024**

**Prelude**

**Words of Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

Let us go, in heart and mind,

to see what has come to pass.

**Let us go with the shepherds:**

Let us go to find the Saviour!

**Let us go with the wise ones:**

Let us go to find God's promise, born for us!

**Let us go with the poor and humble:**

Let us go to find our King, born in a lowly manger.

**Let us go with all the world,**

with all the peoples of the nations.

**Come, let us worship;**

come, let us adore him:

**Christ the Lord!**

**Opening Hymn** -**“O Come, All Ye Faithful” - VU 60**

**Advent Wreath Candle-Lighting**

A: As we light the candles of hope, peace, joy, and love tonight,

**Many: we reflect on these good gifts from God, of God, for us.** *(Pause while first four candles are lit)*

A: And now, as we light the Christ candle in the centre of our Advent wreath,

**Many: we’re making space for the grace of Jesus!** *(The Christ Candle is lit).*

A: We remember the Advent journey we have taken,

**Many: preparing, anticipating, and now celebrating the birth of the Christ Child.**

A: Tonight, our long Advent journey has been fulfilled.

**Many: Jesus has been born, sent by God to show us illuminating grace.**

**Special Music** - Joint Choir

“There is a Light” by Michael Barrett

 **A Christmas Poem**

**Reader #1:** Isaiah 9:6–7

**Special Music** - Joint Choir

“I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve” by Michael Burkhardt

**Reader #2:** Luke 2:1-4

**Hymn** - **VU#64 “O Little Town of Bethlehem” vs 1- 4**

**Reader #3** Luke 2:5–7

**Innkeeper’s Monologue**

**Special Music** - “What Child is This” Violin Solo - Morgan Flanagan

**Reader #4:** Luke 2: 8–12

**Hymn** - **VU#75 “While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks” vs 1–4**

**Reader #5:** Luke 2:13–16

**Shepherd’s Monologue**

**Special Music** - “Do You See What I See” Solo by Belinda Bainbridge

**Reader #6**: Luke 2:17–20

**Special Music** - **Solo by Murray Adlam**

“Some Children See Him”. By Alfred Burt

**A Christmas Eve Blessing**

**Believe:** For the Hope of the world has come among us.

**Believe:** For the Peace that passes all understanding dwells among us.

**Believe:** For the Joy of Jesus is down in our hearts to stay.

**Believe:** For the Love of God is always with us.

**Believe:** The good news that the prophets, angels and shepherds have told us;

that the blessing of Christmas, the Christ Child, Emmanuel

Is with us today and always.

**Believe**.

**Hymn - VU#67 “Silent Night, Holy Night”** (Congregation lights candles while singing)

**Special Music** - “O Holy Night” **solo by Lindsey Ip?**

**Closing Prayer**

**Sending Hymn - VU#43 “Go, Tell It on the Mountain”**

**Blessing and Sending**

One: Go, tell it to the neighbours and to the nations!

**Many: Tell the good news to everyone! Jesus Christ is born!**

One: Go, live it in the mountains and the valleys, in the big cities and the tiny hamlets!

**Many: Live the good news, that Jesus Christ is born!**

One: Go, in the abundant, embodied, inclusive love of God-with-us;

**Many: Share the good news, that Jesus Christ is born!**

**Sung Choral Amen**

**Postlude** - “Coventry Carol” - Violin Solo by Morgan Flanagan

