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**December 24, 2022 – CHRISTMAS EVE, 7:00 pm**

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**Worship Leader:** The Rev. Sheena Trotter-Dennis

**Music Director:** Chellan Hoffman

**Reader:** Ann Farebrother

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*We extend a warm welcome to our Knox community –  
to those who are tuning in to the livestream service from home or away,  
and to those who are gathered in our sanctuary.*

*You are all an integral part of this community. Thank you for being here.*

We acknowledge that we live, work, play and worship on the traditional territories of the Blackfoot Confederacy (Siksika, Kainai, and Piikani), the TsuuT'ina, the Stoney Nakoda Nations (Bears paw, Chiniki, and Wesley), the Métis Nation (Region 3), and all people who make their homes in the Treaty 7 region of Southern Alberta.

All are welcome in our faith community, regardless of age, colour, ethnic, religious or linguistic background, gender, gender identity, social or economic circumstances, sexual orientation and physical or mental capabilities.

Knox has been a proud member of Affirm United since 2007.

## **6:30 pm    PRELUDE**

BRASS/ORGAN: The First Nowell

arr. Howard Cable

BRASS: Il Est Né

arr. Snell

CHOIR: Good King Wenceslas

arr. Bob Chilcott

BRASS: Carol Fantasy

arr. Iveson

CHOIR: What Child is This?

arr. Antony Baldwin

CHOIR: Christmas Lullaby

John Rutter

ORGAN: Es ist ein Ros' Entsprungen

arr. and played by Heleyna Moll, student

BELLS: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

arr. Douglas Wagner

BRASS: March of the Kings

13<sup>th</sup> c. French carol

**WELCOME**  
**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND**

Rev. Sheena Trotter-Dennis  
Keith Murray

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

**\* PROCESSIONAL CAROL: O Come, All Ye Faithful**

Music: John Francis Wade, arr. Willcocks  
Words: Frederick Oakeley

- 1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;**

**REFRAIN: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

- 2. God of God, light of light,  
Lo he abhors not the virgin's womb;  
Very God, begotten, not created: REFRAIN**
- 3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
Glory to God, in the highest: REFRAIN**
- 4. See how the shepherds summoned to his cradle,  
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;  
We too will thither bend our joyful footsteps; REFRAIN**
- 5. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: REFRAIN**

**LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE Roman, Christine, and Phineas Sizer**

We give thanks for the light of hope – unrelenting and inexplicable.  
We give thanks for the light of peace – strong and unafraid.  
We give thanks for the light of joy – persistent and unpredictable.  
We give thanks for the light of love – extravagant and inclusive.  
On this holy night, we light the Christ candle.

**All: The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.**

(adapted from *Spacious Faith* by Joanna Harader)

**MUSIC Still, Still, Still** arr. Douglas Wagner  
Knox ReBell Ringers

## **CENTERING PRAYER**

**Surprising God, you bring joy to an unexpected world. Into our busy days, you place Bethlehem moments – a stillness that strengthens our hearts, a cry that kindles memories and wrinkles smiles across our faces, visitors who bless us with kind words and warm gifts, angelic music that lifts our weariness. Usher us into the wonder of this night and the peace of the Christ child, and let our hearts abound with joy. Amen.**

**CAROL Joy to the World**      Music: Handel/Mason, arr. Wilberg; Words: Isaac Watts

- 1. 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.**
- 3. No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground:  
He comes to make his blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as the curse is found.**
- 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.**

## **FIRST READING    Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7**

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Great will be his authority, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

**CAROL Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

Music: Mendelssohn, arr. David Willcocks

Words: Charles Wesley

- 1. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King.  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild; God and sinners reconciled."  
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
With angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem."  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**
- 2. Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail, the incarnate deity,  
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**
- 3. Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings, risen with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by, born that we no more may die.  
Born to raise us from of earth, born to give us second birth.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

**SECOND READING John 1: 1-14**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it. There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own,<sup>[c]</sup> and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

**CHOIR ANTHEM O Little Town** English carol, arr. Alan Bullard  
*Sung by Knox Choir*

- 1. O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.*
- 2. For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.  
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,  
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth!*
- 3. How silently, how silently, the wondrous Gift is giv'n;  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His Heav'n.  
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in.*

**THIRD READING Luke 2:6-16**

While Joseph and Mary were in Bethlehem, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

*"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"*

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

## REFLECTION

Rev. Sheena Trotter-Dennis

## OFFERING

Please consider placing a gift in the donation plates at this time or make an online donation through the QR code located on the pew cards. Your gifts will help Knox United continue to be a place of welcome, worship, music, and community for the next 100 years.

**Music:** O Holy Night                      Adolphe Adam  
Chris Morrison, cornet; Dave Reid, euphonium; Chellan Hoffman, organ

## BLESSING

### CAROL      Silent Night

*At this time, lights are dimmed, the congregation lights candles, and the Christmas star appears*

- 1. Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin Mother and child.  
Holy infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace; sleep in heavenly peace.**
- 2. Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight:  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heavenly hosts sing Hallelujah,  
Christ the Saviour is born; Christ the Saviour is born.**
- 3. Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth; Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.**

**POSTLUDE    Sussex Mummer's Carol**                      Percy Grainger  
Foothills Brass Quintet

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We thank you for sharing Christmas Eve with us.

We wish you hope, peace, joy and love this holiday season.

## TO OUR MUSICIANS, STAFF, AND VOLUNTEERS – THANK YOU!

### FOOTHILLS BRASS QUINTET [www.foothillsbrass.ca](http://www.foothillsbrass.ca)

Chris Morrison, trumpet; Dave Foley, trumpet;  
Rosalee Morrison, horn; Dave Reid, trombone; Jean-François Cotnoir, tuba

### KNOX CHOIR

Ann Farebrother, Karen Harrison, Pat Place, Helayna Moll, Kim Reinhardt,  
Katherine Dennis, Lauren Dennis, Chuck Curry, Pete Dennis, William Gaskarth,  
John Hall, Ian Kennedy, Steve Miller, Jim Smith, David Westwick

### KNOX REBELL RINGERS

Chris Morrison, Rosalee Morrison, Pat Place, Steve Miller, David Westwick, Janet Zatzka

### STAFF

Rev. Sheena Trotter-Dennis (minister), Sue Forsyth (office administrator),  
Chellan Hoffman (music director), Jampa Tseten and Stephen Wallace (caretakers),  
Roman Sizer (communications, social media, IT support)

### VOLUNTEERS

Steve Miller/Tenzin Dawa (sound operators), Carey Barrett/Frank Lam (video operators),  
Gerald Love (greeter/usher), Bob Benner (sanctuary preparation)

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## KNOX EVENTS

### **In the Bleak Mid Winter – a series of thoughtful gatherings**

Beginning January 18<sup>th</sup>, 12:30-1:30 pm, Labyrinth Room

What happens after the Christmas left-overs are finished, the kids have returned to school and the family has gone home? How do we carry hope, peace, joy and love with us through the long, cold winter days?

Join us for a time of reflection and conversation. Held in the beautiful Labyrinth Room, framed with music, a reading, and a time for silence and quiet reflection, we will come together to listen, to talk and to be in community together.

All are welcome.

Week 1 (January 18 <sup>th</sup> ):	<b>In the Bleak Mid-Winter? Hope after Christmas</b>
Week 2 (January 25 <sup>th</sup> ):	<b>In the Bleak Mid-Winter? Peace after Christmas</b>
Week 3 (February 1 <sup>st</sup> ):	<b>In the Bleak Mid-Winter? Love after Christmas</b>
Week 4 (February 8 <sup>th</sup> ):	<b>In the Bleak Mid-Winter? Joy after Christmas</b>