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**December 24 2015, 8:00pm**  
**Theme: What Child Is This?**

✠ indicates stand as you are able  
**Bold** indicates participation by the people

**MV** = More Voices  
**VU** = Voices United

### **We Continue the Journey**

#### CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing VU#48

'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime VU#71

O Little Town of Bethlehem VU#64

WELCOME & GREETING VISITORS (*Leader*)

✠GREETING ONE ANOTHER (Please feel free to move around)

#### CANDLES OF ADVENT: (**Responsive**)

Dialogue

Response: This Joy (sung to *This Little Light of Mine*)

This Joy\* that I have,  
the world didn't give it to me;

This joy that I have,  
the world didn't give it to me;

This joy that I have,  
the world didn't give it to me;

The world didn't give it,  
the world can't take it away!

(\*Hope, Peace, & Love)

#### OPENING PRAYER: (**Unison**)

**The season of waiting and preparing is over and tonight we celebrate the reminder of your incarnation. O God, help us to see your presence in the words we hear, the music we sing, and the actions of our lives as we call to mind how one birth, Jesus' birth, can change the world. Amen.**

## The Story of Christmas

ADULT CHOIR CANTATA ~*Selections from “What Child Is This”*  
~*A Christmas Musical*~ by Joel Raney~ narrated by Amanda Sherwin

## We Move Out into the World

INVITATION TO OPEN HANDS (*Leader*)

OPPORTUNITY TO OPEN HANDS

with our Tithes, Offerings, & Prayers.

(*Please print clearly and place your Prayer Slips in the Prayer Baskets.*)



*Tonight we are pleased to share 50% of the loose offering with the Kigezi Healthcare Foundation in Kabale, Uganda. In July 2016, St. Thomas is planning a two week exposure trip to the Kabale Clinic in Uganda to implement a biosand filter project to provide families with clean, safe water. The remaining 50% will be used to support our refugee family, when they arrive in Calgary.*

†OFFERTORY: *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* (on-screen)

VU#541

†OFFERTORY PRAYER (*Unison, on-screen*)

**Use our offerings to teach us to sing your praise, O God. Teach us to sing with notes formed by hopes and acts of justice. Teach us to sing with harmonies shaped by mercy's wide embrace. Teach us to sing Mary's song of birth and rebirth for all creation as we join our songs to yours. Amen.**

CALL TO PRAYER: *Hope Shines as the Solitary Star* (on-screen) MV#220

PASTORAL PRAYERS & PRAYER OF JESUS

†COMMISSIONING and BENECTION

†HYMN: *Joy to the World* (on-screen)

VU#59

POSTLUDE

Participating in worship leadership today: Rev. Bob Fillier, Rev. Tracy, Barb Tetzlaff, The Adult Choir, Greg Hyatt, Sherrill Knight, John McCrea, Sheila Campbell, Elaine & David Gray, Amanda Sherwin.