



St. Thomas United Church
Open Hands – Open Hearts – Open Minds

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Saturday, December 24, 2016, 3:00pm
Christmas Eve
Theme: Storytime with Toddlers

✠ indicates stand as you are able
bold indicates participation by the people

MV = More Voices
VU = Voices United

We Gather With

PRELUDE: *Erin MacLean-Berko*

WELCOME to our Livestream Worship Service

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TREATY 7 LAND

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

Light all 4 blue candles

We gather to hear the ancient account of God with us. Not the God of elsewhere, but the God within us.

The last four Sunday mornings, we drew our attention to this simple evergreen wreath. We chose the circle shape to symbolize God's everlasting love and relationship with humankind. We lit these candles to mark our journey, our time of waiting for today.

We gather now, together around this wreath, with these now-lit candles, for the journey of waiting ends today. For those who yearn for the love within and from God, let that be so now. Let this brazen candle remind us that even in our short days and long winter nights, our Christ flame burns and guides us, giving us hope, peace, joy, and love.

Light white Christ candle

INTROIT: *Jesus Came Bringing Us Hope*

MV#33

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

PARTICIPATORY PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER SUNG

VU#959

HYMN: *O Little Town of Bethlehem (v. 1)*

VU#64

THE CRECHE

HYMN: *Away in a Manger*

VU#69

SPIDER STORIES

HYMN: *Hark! the Herald Angels (v. 1)*

VU#48

INVITATION TO OPEN HANDS

OPPORTUNITY TO OPEN HANDS

with our Offerings

Kids are welcome to come forward to pick up their glow sticks

Tonight we are pleased to share 50% of the loose offerings with the Zambia Youth Exposure Trip where 16 youth and seven leaders will travel to Zambia in August 2017

✠OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY: Let It Snow!

ONE MORE STORY

Lights out, glow sticks on

HYMN: *Silent Night, Holy Night*

VU#67

✠COMMISSIONING and BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Participating in worship leadership today: Erin MacLean-Berko, Harold Black, Rev. Tracy Robertson, Evangeline Robertson.