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Sunday, December 24, 8:00pm
Theme: Christmas Eve Choir Cantata

† Indicates stand as you are able
Bold indicates participation by the people

MV = More Voices
VU = Voices United

We Gather With

PRELUDE: *Barbara Robertson*

WELCOME to our Livestream Worship Service

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TREATY 7 LAND

INTROIT: *A Candle Is Burning (v.5)*

VU#6

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES (Christ Candle) &
SILENCE

Candle Lighters: The Hyatt Family

As people of faith we light candles to remind us of the presence of the Holy and the Divine. God in all creation calls to each of us; in this time of year let us pause to reflect on that call in our lives. This evening we pause to hear God's call of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love being born once again into a world made whole by the presence of the child Jesus. (*Light centre white candle.*) For truly God's presence is in this place. Through God's light in the world, we hear the voice of Christmas possibilities. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP: (**Responsive**)

He's coming! He's coming! The Son of the most Holy is coming!

Let us prepare our hearts to greet him!

He comes to each one of us, healing and restoring, loving and leading, making our lives abundant!

Praise be to God for God's gracious gift to us.

O Come, Prince of Peace, bring your light to us!

We are ready to receive and to respond! AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER: (*Leader*)

✠HYMN: *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* (vv.1&2)

VU#35

CHRISTMAS CANTATA: The Adult Choir – selections from *Night of the Father's Love* – by Pepper Choplin. Narrated by Dennis and Pauline Watson.

Narration 1; "Waiting"

Narration 2; "Angels Are Making their Rounds"

Narration 3; "The Shepherd's Song"

Narration 4; Congregational Hymn – "We Three Kings" (on screen)

Narration 5; "Fall on Your Knees"

Narration 6; "Christ Is Born, Nowell!" – with congregational participation, as directed, on verse 3 of "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" (on screen)

INVITATION TO OPEN HANDS

OPPORTUNITY TO OPEN HANDS with our Offerings & Prayers.
Tonight, we are pleased to share 50% of the loose offerings with Awo Taan Healing Lodge Society

✠OFFERTORY: *In the Bleak Midwinter* (v.4)

VU#55

†OFFERTORY PRAYER: (*Unison*)

Holy God, just as the Shepherds gathered to give you praise we come before you with open hearts; just as the Magi gathered with gifts as symbols of overflowing gratitude, so too our hearts are open and our gifts are poured out in awe. Take these gifts as symbols of our devotion that through them we would remake the world more fully into the image of your Son born among us. Amen.

CALL TO PRAYER: *Of the Father's Love Begotten* (v.1) **VU#61**

PASTORAL PRAYERS (Leader) & PRAYER OF JESUS (Unison)

LIGHT CANDLES AND CRACK GLOW STICKS

COMMISSIONING and BENEDECTION: (*Responsive*)

May the light that began at creation, continued through the witness of the prophets, and has come to fullness at the Birth of Jesus Christ,

be in our hearts and minds this evening.

As you go from this place, may your spirits be filled with hope and peace, joy and love,

for God's precious Light has been given to us.

Go in Peace and know that God's peace always goes with us all.

AMEN.

†HYMN: *Silent Night, Holy Night*

VU#67

POSTLUDE: *Stephanie Orr*

We give great thanks to all who participated in making today's worship service a reality.