



# ORDER FOR WORSHIP

*Music and Pageant Sunday*

*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent*

*December 18, 2022*

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*Today we hear the story of the nativity as told in the book of Luke. We remember the birth of Jesus on that first Christmas. We share in the song and joy of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, the worship of the wise men, and the peace of the Christ child. We are reminded of the gift God gave us that first Christmas night. So, like the shepherds, angels, and wise persons, we continue to share the story. "Go tell it on the mountain: Jesus Christ is born."*

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## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

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**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

We wish to acknowledge this land on which St. Philip's Lutheran Church is located. For thousands of years, it has been the traditional land of the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Haudenosaunee, and the Wendat peoples. We are grateful to have the opportunity to meet, worship, and serve on this land.

**SHARING OF ADVENT PEACE**

**GATHERING HYMN** – Choir And Congregation

*"A Canticle for Advent"*

*Marty Schaefer*

**GREETING**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH**

Lighting of the Advent Candle

*George Ivan and Nathan Pascoe*

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Praise to you, O God, who lives with us,  
sharing our flesh and bones.  
As Mary waited and Joseph dreamed,  
so we wait and dream for you.  
Bless us and let your face shine upon us,  
more radiant than these candles,  
and more dear than all else we seek.  
Restore us when we fail to refuse the evil and choose the good,  
and banish all our fears.  
We pray in the name of Emmanuel,  
your promised child and our Savior. **Amen.**

**SONG**

“We are Waiting for Jesus”

ACS 905

**WORD**

*“The People (and Animals) of Christmas”*

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**HYMN – Mary And Joseph**

“Away in a Manger”

vs. 1 ELW 277



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**HYMN – The Animals**

“Away in a Manger”

*vs. 2, 3* ELW 277

**HYMN – The Angels**

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

ELW 270

**HYMN – The Shepherds**

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

ELW 290

**JOYFUL NOISE BELL CHOIR**

“Shepherd's Story”

*Frances L. Callahan*

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

“What Can I Give Him”

*Sue and Terry Barham*

**HYMN – Finale**

“Love Has Come”

ELW 292

## **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

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**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Each petition ends: God, in your mercy,

Response: **hear our prayer.**

**JOYFUL NOISE BELL CHOIR**

“Echo Carol”

*Sondra K. Tucker*

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. And so, with all the witnesses of the resurrection, we praise your name. Amen.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

### LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

### CHOIR ANTHEM

"A Winter Carol"

*Traditional Canadian Carol,*

*Additional words/music by Mary Donnelly and George L.L. Strid*

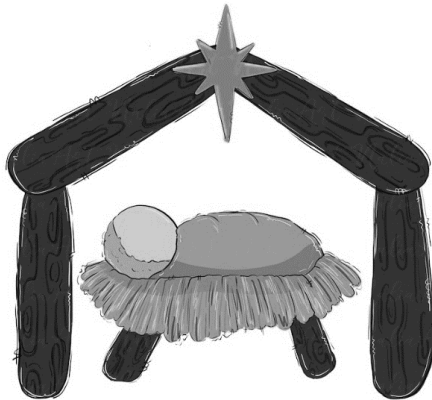
### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God, who has come to save you.

### COMMUNION HYMN

"Your Little One, Dear Lord"

ELW 286



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# SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God, in this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## BLESSING

God the eternal Word, who dwells with us in Jesus, and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit, † bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

“Joy to the World”

ELW 267

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is near.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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*Please join us upstairs in the Fellowship Hall for a pizza lunch and friendly conversation after worship service. Freewill offering.*



## SERVING TODAY

Rev. Tuula Van Gaasbeek	Pastor
Janelle Lightbourne, Intern	Intern
Chris Ritcey-Conrad	Music Director
George Ivan, Nathan Pascoe	Advent Candle Lighting
Joyful Noise Bell Choir	Additional Music
St. Philip's Choir	Music
Dave Pascoe	Audio Visual
Karen Adolph	Livestream Usher

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### IN OUR PRAYERS

Gus Berndt, John Brownlie, Kevin Cartwright, Rodney Erlandson, Mary Hanslep, Al Jacksteit, Matt Kirkpatrick, Mona Kibsey, Mark Kieswetter, John Lindman, Pat Penney, Meranda Phannenhour, Julie Potocny, Pasquale Rizzo, Ethan Suknundun, Debra, Helen, Lynette, and Marian.

### OFFERING

Please place your offering on the plate in the centre aisle. Other options can be found on our website: [stphilipstoronto.com/donate-now/](http://stphilipstoronto.com/donate-now/)

### THANK YOU

We would like to thank the readers, actors, group leaders, participants, musicians, costume designers, and all who have made this Pageant Sunday a success.

### ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES



St. Philip's supports the use of these devices. Please enquire at the audiovisual table.



## ST. PHILIP'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

### THIS WEEK AT ST. PHILIP'S

Sunday	Ecumenical Carols & Lessons Service @ 3:00 pm St. Timothy Presbyterian Church, 106 Ravenscrest Drive
Monday	Zumba @ 1:00 pm Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm Bell Choir @ 7:15 pm
Tuesday	Girl Guides @ 6:30 pm Bible Study @ 7:00 pm (Zoom)
Wednesday	Longest Night Service @ 7:00 pm
Thursday	
Friday	
Saturday	Christmas Eve Service @ 4:00 pm

Longest Night  
Worship Service  
December 21 @ 7:00 pm

Christmas Eve  
Carols And Candlelight Service  
December 24 @ 4:00 pm

Christmas Day Worship  
December 25 @ 10:00 am



ST. PHILIP'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

## OUR VISION

*Freed by the grace of Christ, we seek to connect with God,  
neighbour and self.*

### VISION STATEMENT:

We are a diverse and inclusive Lutheran faith community freed by the grace of Christ to find God and self as we connect with our neighbours. We **practise hospitality** of open hearts and open arms. We **unite with partners** to make a difference in our neighbourhood. We **nurture** the community of Christ.

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