



SYDENHAM STREET UNITED CHURCH

Lessons & Carols

Rev. Elizabeth Macdonald

DECEMBER 27, 2020
10:30 am

Since time immemorial, Indigenous peoples have occupied and cared for this land. In acknowledging this land, the traditional home of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee, we seek to rebuild right relations with First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples, to learn from them, and to live on this land with respect and gratitude for its bounty.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

At this time we do not have a minister for the congregation.

If you have a pastoral care concern, please contact Nan Hudson at 613-539-3751



CHURCH

Sydenham Street United Church as an Affirming Congregation seeks to be a vital faith community within The United Church of Canada engaged in spirituality, justice and creativity, informed by Jesus Christ and the Bible, and discerning the call of the Trinity as we celebrate diversity, inclusivity and abundant life.

OFFICE HOURS

The Spire/SSUC Office: Monday-Thursday 9:00 am-1:00 pm

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Rentals/Room Bookings @ The Spire: [613-542-9616 x 201](tel:613-542-9616)

Web: www.sydenhamstreet.ca

Online Sunday Services: www.youtube.com/user/SydenhamStreet

Bold Text indicates the parts that everyone reads together

GATHERING IN COMMUNITY



PRELUDE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTRING MUSIC

Infant Holy
Barb Carr, Harp

CALL TO WORSHIP

Glory to God in the highest . . .

And on Earth Peace and Goodwill toward all.

For out of God's own being

Jesus has come to bring love and light to all people.

Jesus is our Emmanuel – God With and For us –

Come to gather all of who we are into God's love.

Glory to God in the highest . . .

And on Earth Peace and Goodwill toward all.

GATHERING PRAYER

**Holy Mystery, Wholly Love-
You call us by name
and we come to know one another and
ourselves as your beloved children.
You call us into community
and we come to know your purpose for our lives
and your vision for Creation.
You call us to the Cradle
to embrace Hope, discover Peace,
experience Joy and share Love.
We pray that You give us what we need
to hear Your Call with
greater clarity and understanding,
and to answer, "Yes!" with
greater confidence and trust. Amen**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE



CAROL

Away in a Manger



LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Reading I.

Isaiah 11:1-10

Music: Christmas Sanctus

Reading II.

A Christmas Blessing~Norm Esdon

Music: Geso Bambino~Donna Delyea, Soloist

Reading III.

John 1:1-14

Music: Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Reading IV.

Sing Me Your Bethlehem~Norm Esdon

Music: O Little Town of Bethlehem



RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

PRAYER OF BLESSING FOR ALL OUR OFFERINGS

Gracious and Generous God. We are ever grateful for all you have given us. We are glad for all the ways you inspire, equip and invite us to share our gifts. Bless, we pray, our offerings of time, talent and treasure. May all that we give and all that we receive be expressions of our shared gratitude for your gifts to us and our shared desire to be generous and compassionate as you are. Amen.

CAROL



Still Still Still

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER



This Peaceful Night

Michael Fenn, Soloist

COMMISSIONING



SUNG BENEDICTION

~ F.R.C. Clarke



POSTLUDE

THANK YOU FOR TALENTS SHARED

Music Director & Organist

Michael Fenn

Worship Leader

Rev. Elizabeth Macdonald

With recordings by
The SSUC Choir

Our thanks to those offering spoken leadership today:

Worship Chair, Eileen Woloshyn
SSUC Poet Emeritus, Norm Esdon

WE COMMIT TO THE FUTURE

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS

Offerings are gratefully received.

They may be left on the plate near the front door as you exit the sanctuary or received online through:

Canada Helps <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/sydenham-street-united-church/>

or **e-transfers** to [givingsuc@kos.net](mailto:givingssuc@kos.net)
or **Canada Post.**

NOTICES



2020 SSUC STAR CAMPAIGN

During Advent, SSUC will conduct its 9th annual Star Campaign. You are encouraged to make a Star Gift by placing a message of remembrance, of thanks, of joy or sorrow in a list and also by making a financial donation to Sydenham Street United Church which will go to our General Revenues to help us start the New Year off in a healthier financial position. For each Star Gift made, a bright star will be hung in the Sanctuary.

Please use the enclosed form which will explain how to go about making your Star Gift. Let's see how many Stars we can see hanging in our church by the end of the Advent season