

## Advent 2025 Worship Services

A: November 30

B: December 7

C: December 14

D: December 21

### Welcome & Acknowledging the Land

#### Call to Worship *by George Allan*

Come, people of God, let us prepare and wait together.

**Let us await the coming of Emmanuel.**

Let us listen for God's word, seeking God's promise,  
opening ourselves to God's presence.

**Let us bless and worship God!**

#### Gathering Hymn:

A: VU 9 "People, Look East"

B: VU 18 "There's a Voice in the Wilderness"

C: VU 36 "Angels, from the Realm of Glory"

D: VU 60 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (verses 1-4)

#### Theme Introduction

#### Advent Candle Lighting

TLUS 55 "We light this candle"

We light this candle for *hope*.\* Await the new life within.

May our hearts now live each day,

so *hope*\* can find a way, so *hope*\* can find a way.

\*or *peace, joy, love*

#### Opening Prayer

#### Scripture Readings

For these words of hope and peace,  
**praise be to Christ, the Word Incarnate.**

#### Hymn:

A: VU 8 "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

B: VU 28 "Herald! Sound the Note of Gladness"

C: MV 134 "There Was a Child in Galilee"

D: VU 38 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

#### Connecting & Contributing

##### Dedicating our Gifts

VU 68, verse 1 & refrain

##### Unison Prayer

Holy God, accept the gifts we offer.  
With the wise ones and the shepherds,  
may we hasten to show our praise  
and commit ourselves to love and service  
in Christ's name. Amen.

#### Choir Anthem

#### Prayers of the People and the Prayer of Jesus (VU 916)

#### Hymn

A: VU 5 "All Earth Is Waiting"

B: MV 134 "There Was a Child in Galilee"

C: VU 64 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

D: VU 58 "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

#### Advent Sermon Series: "Christ in the Carols"

#### Hymn:

A: VU 1 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

B: VU 43 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

C: VU 59 "Joy to the World"

D: VU 91 "The First Nowell" &

The Sacrament of Communion (*see insert*)

#### Blessing

#### Passing the Peace of Christ

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*Carols & Candlelight: A Christmas Eve Service  
24 December, 7 PM at The Spire*

This Advent season, we give thanks for food and water that sustain us and shelters where we live and sleep.

We are grateful for family and friends that care for us and are part of our healthy community.

We acknowledge the First Peoples who have lived on and cared for this land we call Canada for thousands of years.

We remember our own grandparents and others who taught us to be kind.

We promise to take care of the land and to help others so they have enough food and water, and know they are loved.

We promise to share what we have with others.

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