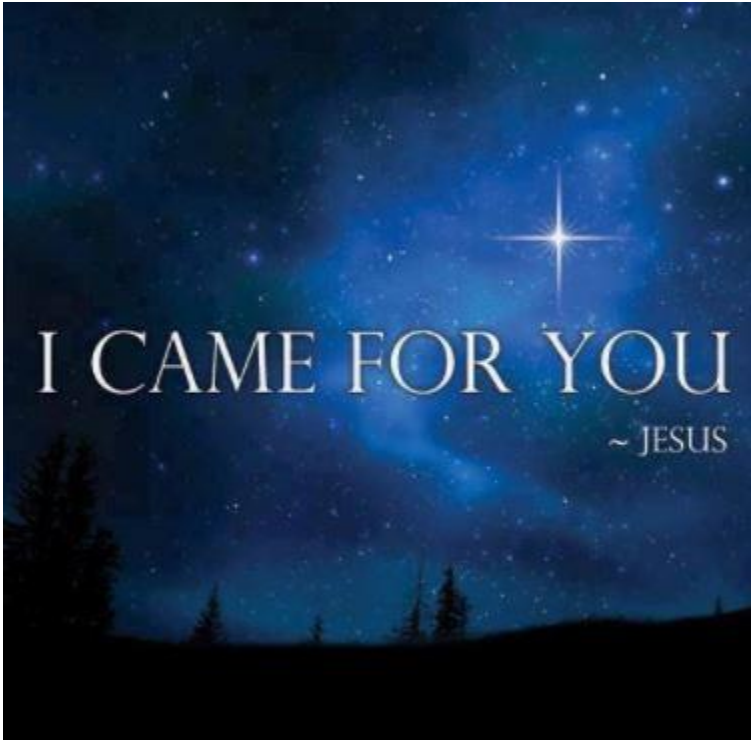


*St. John's Presbyterian Church*

*December 31, 2017*



St. John's Presbyterian Church, Cornwall

December 31, 2017

First Sunday after Christmas

Organ Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive) Praise the Lord!

Christ is born.

**Praise the Lord!**

God has come to claim us as His own children.

**Praise the Lord!**

Love has given us this glorious gift.

**Praise the Lord!**

Carol Medley

Joy to the world	153 vv 1,4
O little town of Bethlehem	164 vv 1,3,4
Oh come, all ye faithful	159 vv 1,4,5
What child is this	161
Still, still, still	152
The first noel	136 vv 1,2,4,6

Prayer of Approach and The Lord's Prayer

Abba, Father, Holy God,

We come as your children this morning.

We celebrate your presence in our lives and in our world.

We rejoice in the gift of Jesus the Christ child  
who claims us as sisters and brothers.

As we journey towards the new year,

send your Spirit to strengthen us,

that we may grow in your wisdom and rest in your love.

In Jesus' holy name, we pray, Our Father...Amen.

**Hymn of the Month**      The angel Gabriel from heaven      156

**Carol Medley**

Hope is a star      119  
Hark! the glad sound      118 vv 1,4  
Hark the herald angels sing      139  
Lord, you were rich      134  
Infant holy, Infant lowly      143  
Emmanuel, Emmanuel      114 (sing 3x)  
The hands that first held Mary's child      158 vv1,3

**The Scriptures**

Read by Keppel Bharath

Responsive Psalm 148      OT pg. 594  
Matthew 25:31-46      NT pg. 27

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God for His Word to us.**

**Carol Medley**

Once in royal David's city      166  
Away in a manger      149  
Angels from the realms of glory      146 vv 1,2  
While shepherds watched      138  
In Bethlehem a newborn boy      140

**Presentation of our Offerings and Gifts**

**Offertory Anthem**

**Pastoral Prayer**

Carol      'Twas in the moon of wintertime      144  
Carol      Go tell it on the mountain      133 vv1,3

**Commissioning (Unison)**

**In the power of the Holy Spirit,**

we now go forth into the world to fulfill our calling  
as the people of God, the body of Christ.

**Benediction**

**Sung Benediction—We are Here Joined in Christ**

We are here joined in Christ,  
called to serve and adore Him.

Give us peace, perfect peace,  
patience and hope everlasting.

Send us to serve in our Master's name,  
and to glorify Him.

Joined with Christ, and through Christ,  
praise our Father forever.

**Lectionary Lessons for this Lord's Day**

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-13;

Psalm 8

Revelation 21: 1-6a;

Matthew 25: 31-46

Following Worship, everyone is invited to the MacLellan room  
for a time of fellowship.

Coffee hour is Courtesy of **Keppel Bharath and Michelle Alexis**

**News for the Pews**

**All Youth Grade 8 & up** are invited to The Underground New Year  
Bash on Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at the Wesleyan Church on Sydney (next to  
Farm Boy) from 7:00 – 10:00. Dress up and come out to greet the  
New Year before school starts up again. We will have a light supper,  
games, photo booth and much, much more