

St. John's Presbyterian Church, Cornwall
Christmas Eve **December 24, 2018**

A Festival of Lessons and Carols

We welcome you as we gather to worship and celebrate
the birth of Jesus.

We Enter God's Presence

Prelude String Group Led by Therese Motard

Greeting and Called to Gather

Lighting the Christ Candle by Charlotte McEwen

Carol O Holy Night v. 1 (On Screen)

Call to Worship (Responsive) (On Screen)

Carol O Little Town of Bethlehem vs. 1 & 2 **165**

The Father's Love Begotten

Lesson Luke 2: 1-5

Duet- Star-Led and Wonder Bound Sung by Keppel and Michele

Lesson Luke 2: 6 – 7

Carol *Away in a Manger* vs. 1, 2 **149**

Lesson Luke 2: 8 – 14

Carol *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* vs. 1 **139**

Lesson Luke 2: 15-20

Carol *Oh Come, All Ye Faithful* vs. 1,4,5 **159**

We Respond in Faith and Service

Prayer (Responsive) (On Screen)

The Lord's Prayer (On Screen)

Solo – Mary, did you know? Sung by Alex Plant

The Candles of the Advent are Extinguished

Prayer (Responsive) (On Screen)

The Sanctuary Lights are Lowered

A Moment of Reflection and Quiet Wonderment

O Holy Night—Adam/Clappeau/DeFord

Performed by Therese Motard

The Sanctuary Lights are Turned Up

The Gifts of God's People are Received

Offertory Anthem

Holy Child—Ruth Elaine Schram

[Performed by the choir, young people and children,
Therese Motard and members of her string group.]

Doxology

Offertory Prayer

Carol *Joy to the World* vs. 1, 4 153

The Benediction (Responsive) (On Screen)

Sung Benediction (On Screen)

Carol We Wish you a Merry Christmas v. 1 (On Screen)

Organ Postlude Selected Carols-Organ and Trumpet
(CCLI #682283)



Minister: Rev. Ian K Johnston

Organist: Gary Postma

Leading Us in Music this Evening

Gary Postma, Steve Dubinsky, Therese Motard, Lauren Thomas,
Ariel Thomas, Heather Smith, Julie Choi and Roy Choi

The Session and Staff

Wish Each of You

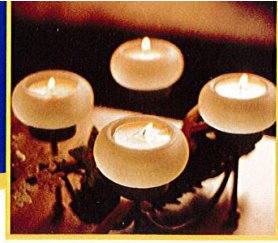
A Blessed Christmas and a Joyous New Year!

If you are travelling to be with family and friends,
we pray God will bless you and keep your journey safe.

Thank you for worshipping with us this evening

The Christ Candle

Isaiah 9:6



Written by the Rev. Robert J. Murray
(Pinawa Christian Fellowship, Manitoba)

(Light the Christ candle)

L: People of light,
God in Christ desires a heaven and earth
reconciled in a new people, a new creation.

P: In Christ, we are those people!

L: God in Christ longs for people unafraid to leave old ways behind
for the paths of faithfulness.

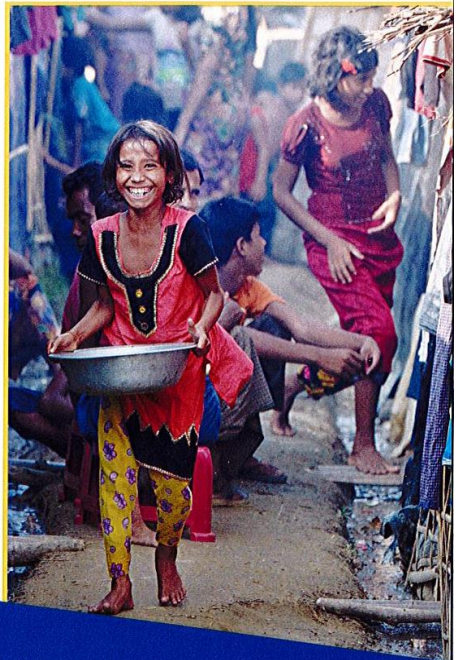
P: In Christ, we are those people!

L: God in Christ yearns for people
with bold and joyful hearts
proclaiming the birth, the death,
the rising and the glory of
Christ our King!

P: In Christ, we are those people!

L: Let's pray together...

P: Everlasting God with us,
Christ our light, Spirit our Guide,
we welcome your brightness,
we abide in hope, peace, joy
and love and look for your
new kingdom on earth.
Amen.



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