



Sunset United Church

December 24, 2021 – Family Christmas Eve



*Sunset United, located on Treaty 4 Territory,
is an Affirming community of faith. All are welcome here.*

WE GATHER

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship¹

Just a little while longer...

But we are tired of waiting.

It's just about to start...

But we are tired of waiting.

Christmas is almost here...

But we are tired of waiting.

So much excitement,

So much anticipation,

So much squirmy, wiggly energy...

The waiting is over,

Tonight's the night.

Let's worship together

And welcome Baby Jesus to the world.

The waiting is over!

Welcome Baby Jesus.

Video That Time of Year

That Time of Year Advent Candles

Lighting the Advent Candles

Carol VU#59 Joy to the World (vs. 1 & 4)²

Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
let earth receive her King!
Let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

He rules the earth with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

That Time of Year Stories

Sharing the Story Luke 2:1-16 (The Message)

Carol VU#69 Away In A Manger (vs. 1 & 2)³

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky look down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

That Time of Year Nativity Scenes

Special Music

That Time of Year More Stories

Carol VU#56 Jesus, Our Brother (vs. 1, 2 & 3)⁴

Jesus, our brother, kind and good,
was humbly born in a stable rude,
and the friendly beasts around him stood,
Jesus, our brother, kind and good.

“I,” said the donkey, shaggy and brown,
“I carried the mother up hill and down,
I carried his mother to Bethlehem town;
I,” said the donkey, shaggy and brown.

“I,” said the cow, all white and red,
“I gave him my manger for his bed,
I gave him hay to pillow his head;
I,” said the cow, all white and red.

The Unfriendly Beasts

Carol VU#56 Jesus, Our Brother (vs. 4, 5 & 6)⁴

“I,” said the sheep with curly horn,
“I gave him my wool for his blanket warm,
he wore my coat on Christmas morn;
I,” said the sheep with curly horn.

“I,” said the dove, from the rafters high,
“I cooed him to sleep that he should not cry,
we cooed him to sleep, my mate and I;
I,” said the dove, from the rafters high.

Thus all the beasts, by some good spell,
in the stable dark were glad to tell
of the gifts they gave Emmanuel,
the gifts they gave Emmanuel.

That Time of Year Silent Night & Glowsticks

Carol VU#67 Silent Night⁵

Silent night! Holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight:
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing Hallelujah,
Christ the Saviour is born,
Christ the Saviour is born.

Silent night! Holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Blessing



Minister: Rev. Tricia Gerhard (she/her)
Children & Youth Minister: Michelle McConkey (she/her)
Choir Director: Corinne Groff (she/her)
Pianist: Shirley Hill (she/her)



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