

## Announcements

The Church Office will be closed **Tuesday, December 24 at 12:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 25, Thursday, December 26, Tuesday, December 31 at 12:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 1 and Thursday, January 2, 2020.** Remember that all **end-of-year contributions to the Church must be received by December 31 to be eligible for 2019 Income Tax receipts.**

The **A&P Youth Group** welcomes all young people from grades 6 through high school— please contact Sharon or Art Dworzak at 450-689-4379 or email [grammy.shani@icloud.com](mailto:grammy.shani@icloud.com).

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A freewill offering to benefit **Elisabeth House Foundation** would be greatly appreciated. This year, we honour the years of faithful, innovative care, to very young mothers and their little ones, whose lives have been shattered by harsh circumstance.



## The Family Christmas Eve Service

The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul  
Tuesday, December 24, 2019  
4:00 p.m.

**THE FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**

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**4:00 p.m.**

**ORGAN PRELUDE:** : Il est né, le divin enfant.....*Dupré*

**CALL TO WORSHIP & WELCOME**.....*The Rev. Dr. Glenn Chestnutt*

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

Rowan Chestnutt with his parents Hannah and Glenn

**CHOIR:** Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming..... *Praetorius*

**\*CONGREGATIONAL CAROL: 116**.....*VENI EMMANUEL*

O come, O come Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lowly exile here,  
Until the Son of God appear.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, O come Thou Lord of might,  
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height.  
In ancient times didst give the law  
In cloud and majesty and awe.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice!...*

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
Our spirits by Thine advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice!...*

**PRAYER OF APPROACH**.....*The Rev. Dr. Glenn Chestnutt*

**COMMENT ON THE CHRISTMAS TREE**

Rowan Luckow

In Europe, where Christmas was first celebrated, this time of the year is cold, often the ground is covered with snow, and most plant life dies, or at least loses its leaves until the coming of spring. The fir tree, an evergreen, is a reminder of God's constant love. God's love and grace are always available to us, even in the harshest of times. So as we come to decorate our tree, we do so remembering that the tree is symbolic of eternal life, and the constancy of God's love and presence.

**CHOIR**.....*Traditional  
arr. Oldengarm*

O Tannenbaum

**DECORATING THE CHRISTMAS TREE**

**TINSEL**

Malika Makileni

Tinsel is the equivalent of a string of candles or lights on the tree. Martin Luther, while walking home one clear Christmas Eve, was taken with the beauty of the stars twinkling through the fir trees. He wanted his children to appreciate this beauty and so he brought a fir tree into the house and added some candles as a reminder that Jesus is the light of the world. We continue to string tinsel, lights, and even some candle decorations onto our trees.

**FIRST LESSON:** John 1: 1-5

Luca Cristofaro

**CONGREGATION CAROL: 122** (*seated*).....*STILLE NACHT*

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!  
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.

**ANGEL** Alex Oegema  
Angels are very important in the Christmas story. The angel Gabriel came to Mary with the Good News that she would be the mother of this special child whom God had promised. An angel came to Joseph in a dream telling him that this child would be called Jesus, and that he is Emmanuel, which means “God with us.” And on the night of Jesus’ birth, the angels lit up the night sky singing praises to God. An angel is a messenger from God and we place angels on the tree as a reminder of the special role they played in the Christmas story.

**SECOND LESSON:** Luke 1: 26-33 Katie Oegema

**CONGREGATION CAROL: 124** (seated).....*IN DULCI JUBILO*

Good Christians all, rejoice  
With heart and soul and voice  
Now ye heed to what we say,  
Jesus Christ is born today.  
Ox and ass before Him bow,  
And He is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christians all, rejoice  
With heart and soul and voice;  
Now ye hear of endless bliss,  
Jesus Christ was born for this:  
He hath oped the heavenly door,  
And man is blest for evermore.  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christians all, rejoice  
With heart and soul and voice;  
Now ye need not fear the grave,  
Jesus Christ was born to save,  
Calls you one and calls you all,  
To gain His everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

**BELL** Oscar Valenzuela (français)  
Bells are a symbol of joy, and Christmas has always been seen as a time of joy. When the angel appeared to the shepherds, they were told that the message of the birth of Jesus was one of great joy. When many other angels joined the first angel, they praised and gave glory to God.

**THIRD LESSON:** Luke 2: 8-14 Kyle Anderson

**CONGREGATION CAROL: 134** (seated) .....*ANTIOCH*

Joy to the world! The Lord is come:  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
*And heaven and nature sing,...*

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness,  
*And wonders of His love,...*

**SHEPHERDS’ CROOKS** Lukas Green  
The shepherds’ crooks are a reminder of the shepherds and how they responded to the message of the angels. Because they spent all their time with their sheep, they were unable to worship God with the rest of the Jewish people. For this reason they were looked down on. So it is so very special that these were the ones who were told the wonderful news of Jesus’ birth.

**FOURTH LESSON:** Luke 2: 15-18, 20 Malik Makileni

**CONGREGATION CAROL: 143** (seated)....*REGENT SQUARE*

Angels from the realms of glory,  
Wing your flight o’er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation’s story,  
Now proclaim Messiah’s birth.  
*Come and worship, Come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the new-born King.*

Shepherds, in the field abiding,  
Watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with man is now residing;  
Yonder shines the infant Light.

*Come and worship, Come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the new-born King.*

Sages, leave your contemplation;  
Brighter visions beam afar;  
Seek the great desire of nations;  
Ye have seen His natal star.

*Come and worship, Come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the new-born King.*

### STAR

Lia Cerniauskas

The stars on our trees are a reminder of the wise men who came such a long way to see Jesus because they had seen a special star in the sky and wanted to bring their worship and their gifts to this special child.

**FIFTH LESSON:** Matthew 2: 1-2, 9-10

Kayla Green

**CHOIR:**.....arr. Wood  
Ding dong! Merrily on high

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**OFFERTORY CAROL: 131** (seated).....*THE FIRST NOWELL*

The first Nowell the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep,  
*Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell!*  
*Born is the King of Israel.*

Then wise men, guided by a star,  
came from the eastern countries far;  
To seek for a king was their intent,  
And to follow the star where so ever it went:

*Chorus*

This star drew nigh to the north-west,  
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest;  
And there it did both stop and stay  
Right over the place where Jesus lay.

*Chorus*

### HEART

Keren Valenzuela (français)

A heart is a symbol of love, and it's also a symbol of life. So we place hearts on the tree as a reminder of God's love for us, and that through Jesus we have the gift of abundant and eternal life. The heart also expresses our love for God and for each other.

**SIXTH LESSON:** 1 John 4: 7-12

Nico Cristofaro

**CONGREGATIONAL CAROL: 141** (seated)..... *CRADLE SONG*

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

Be near me Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,  
And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.

### OUR RESPONSE

**Part I:**

Henry Feltham

We have decorated our tree,  
Remembering that the tree itself, an evergreen,  
is a reminder that God's love is constant.  
The tinsel recalls that Jesus is the light of the world;  
The angel tells us of God's message of hope;  
The bells remind us that this gift of God is one of great joy;  
The shepherds' crooks declare that the message is for very ordinary people who hear and respond to the good news that Christ comes to bring peace on earth and to create goodwill;  
The stars point to the Star of Bethlehem, once seen, its meaning perceived, and followed until it brought the wise men to Jesus;  
And the heart stands for the love of God, given to us in the birth of Christ.

**Part II**

Charlotte Feltham

As we look toward Christmas, what is it that we most need — a reminder that Christ is the light who will show us the way; the message of hope expressed by the angels; joy, the need to respond to what God has already spoken to our hearts and minds, expressed in the shepherd’s crook; the beckoning of the star to keep on following until we find where God is leading us; or a heart that receives the love of God?

**CHRISTMAS PRAYER** .....*The Rev. Dr. Glenn Chestnutt*

**\*CONGREGATIONAL CAROL: 132**.....*MENDELSSOHN*

Hark! The herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King,  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled.  
Joyful all ye nations, rise;  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With the angelic host proclaim,  
‘Christ is born in Bethlehem’  
*Hark! The herald angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King.*

Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ, the Everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold Him come,  
Offspring of a virgin’s womb.  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see!  
Hail the Incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as Man with men to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
*Hark! The herald angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King.*

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings,  
Risen with healing in His wings.  
Mild, He lays His glory by,  
Born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth.  
*Hark! The herald angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King.*

**BENEDICTION:**.....*Congregational “Amen”*

**POSTLUDE:**.....*Quef*

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The Rev. Dr. Glenn Chestnutt

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Mrs. Sharon Dworzak

**Singers**

Charlotte Corwin, soprano

William Duffy, alto

Haitham Haidar, tenor

Jonah Spungin, baritone

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

Rowan Chestnutt with his parents Hannah and Glenn

**Readers**

Kyle Anderson

Lia Cerniauskas

Luca Cristofaro

Nico Cristofaro

Charlotte Feltham

Henry Feltham

Kayla Green

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