



St. Paul's United Church
Sunday, December 12, 2021
Advent 3 Musical "Away in a Mango"
Minister: Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam
Music Director: Victoria Warwick
Actors and Singers: Youth from St. Paul's
and Community

Tech Team: Glenn Erwin, Rick Dell, Catherine Ladouceur, Noah Lies, Colin Whiteside, Bruce Wilcox

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO THE GATHERED

OPENING HYMN: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" VU #64 sung by Marlis Dupuis

1. O little town of Bethlehem
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by
Yet in the dark street shineth
The everlasting Light
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight

2. For Christ is born of Mary
And gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love

O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth
And praises sing to God, the King
And peace to men on earth

3. How silently, how silently
The wondrous Gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heaven
No ear may hear His coming
But in this world of sin
Where meek souls will receive Him still
The dear Christ enters in

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF JOY:

Candle liturgy

One: We light the first two candles, one for hope and one for peace. Today we also light the third candle, the candle of joy. This should be the easy one, because joy is all around us—in the children, the lights, the music, the gathering together. But how often do we let our preparations—or our memories—push joy to the side? Joy is like an underground spring that wells up within us, but joy is also a choice, an attitude. Like a muscle, it needs to be exercised. So today we open ourselves to joy, trusting that God has already planted it in us. All we need to do is give it care and offer it to share.

{Three candles are lit followed by the sung response}



SUNG RESPONSE:

Light a candle for joy in the darkness, in each trial we know you are near.

Advent watching and waiting for Jesus, God with us is wiping our tears. Emmanuel, joy is here; Joy is here.

OPENING PRAYER:

**All: Loving God, we open ourselves to you,
trusting that this is how you made us:
you created us for joy-filled hearts and lives.
Show us the creative power of hope.
Teach us the peace that comes from justice.
Fill us with the kind of joy that cannot be contained but must be shared.
Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you,
That we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.**

Children's Christmas Musical "AWAY IN A MANGO"



AWAY IN A MANGO

by Steve Moore, Rob Howard and David Guthrie

A festive holiday cruise to Christmas Island aboard the luxurious Yuletide turns perilous for passengers on a day shopping excursion when their boat, the SS Mango, is caught in an unexpected storm and washed ashore on a deserted island. Deserted, that is, except for the island's lone inhabitant, Jenny Coconut, marooned

there years before. Will they be found in time for the ship's big Christmas Concert? (hint: yes, they will!) What's Jenny's story? All aboard for a totally fresh, totally fun Christmas adventure for kids as they join the intrepid castaways of the SS Mango. After all, the story of the birth of Jesus is the story of lost people, unable to save themselves, being rescued by the long-awaited Saviour!

Song: "Another Day At Sea"

Scene 1: The Desert Island

Song: "Make the Best of It"

Scene 2: No S.O.S.

Song "We're Gonna Miss This Christmas"

Scene 3: Jenny Coconut (Island's lone inhabitant)

Song: "He's Coming Soon"

Scene 4: Trouble with Billy

Song: "Your Saviour Is Born"

Scene 5: A Different Kind of Yuletide Show

Song: "Come and Worship Medley"

Scene 6: The Rescue

Song: "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

Scene 7: The True Rescue

YOUTH CAST

Shayla Brown: **Captain**

Charlotte Heffernan: **Jessica** (Cruise Director)

Cooper Reynolds: **Billy** (First Mate)

Carina Jones: **Jasmine** (Mime)

Jennifer Kasunick: **Jenny Coconut**

Brennan Bielefeld: **Logan** (Stranded passenger)

Olivia Reynolds: **Emma** (Stranded passenger)

Lotus Lorberg: (Stranded passenger)

Maddie: Rosemary Spooner (Firefighter)

Ava Todd: **Pilot**

Alina Todd: **Crewperson**

Victoria Warwick – **Technical Producer**

A heartfelt THANK YOU to this year's cast! Some are returning for this, the second year for a virtual musical, and some are here for the first time! All of you are fabulous! Many viewers will realize the time and skill that these young people have demonstrated both vocally and dramatically. Thank you to each cast member for making this year's musical such a success and for the enthusiasm you displayed in every scene and song. I am so very grateful. To the Faith Formation Committee, to the Worship Team and to all of St Paul's, thank you once again for your encouragement and enthusiasm throughout this project.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

Rejoice in God always, and again I say, rejoice
For God has created you with the capacity for joy.
We will find what makes us joyful,
And make that our gift to the world.
Trust in God's good will for all of creation
and open yourself to God's gentle, transforming love.
We will welcome new possibilities in our lives.
We will offer ourselves to God's goodness.
We will go forth in hope, and peace, and joy.

POSTLUDE

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