



St. Paul's United Church - Sun. Dec. 10/23 Advent 2 Musical "Dude, You Hear What I Hear?"

Minister: Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam

Music Director: Victoria Warwick

Musical Directors: Shalya Brown and Gabriela Dell

Actors and Singers: Children and youth from St. Paul's and Community

Tech Team: Glenn Erwin, Rick Dell, Bruce Wilcox

PRELUDE/WELCOME /CALL TO THE GATHERED

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

OPENING HYMN: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" VU #64

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.

OPENING PRAYER:

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF PEACE:

SUNG RESPONSE: "Light a Candle"

Light a candle for peace in the darkness. Minds at rest, we know you are near;
Advent watching and waiting for Jesus, God with us, resolving the fears.
Emmanuel, peace is here; peace is here!

DUDE, YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR?

by Steve Moore, Rob Howard, and David Guthrie

Christmas time is filled with sound! Sometimes, so much sound and noise that we can hardly hear the real message of Christmas. In the hustle and bustle at a crowded "Mondo-Mart" filled with shoppers, shy Taylor and the rest of her youth group have stopped for some last-minute snacks on their way to a fun Christmas camp. Taylor, not much for talking, but a great hide and seek player, has found the perfect hiding place. So perfect, in fact, that she doesn't notice when the rest of the group boards the bus, and the store is closed for the night! Hard to tell who is more surprised – Taylor, when she emerges from her hiding place, or the fun-loving store mannequins who break their silence assuming that once again, the store is theirs for the night. Taylor quickly discovers that everything the store mannequins know about Christmas is what they've heard over the PA system during the Christmas season, and boy, are they misinformed! And the not-so-high-tech night watchmen listening in from outside the store are nearly as confused as the mannequins.



Song: "Dude, You Hear What I Hear?"

Scene 1: Hide & Seek Chaos

Song: "I've Gotta Get It"

Scene 2: Mannequin Surprise

Song: "We've Been Waiting All Year"

Scene 3: The Real Christmas Story

Song: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

Scene 4: Confused Eavesdropping

Song: "What A Night"

Scene 5: Makeshift Nativity

Song: "God Is Here with Us"

Scene 6: Burglary?

Song: "I Offer Him My Life"

Scene 7: Good News of Christmas

Song: "Can You Hear It"

YOUTH CAST

Charlotte Heffernan: **Taylor**

Sadie Sharp: **Cookie**

Dahlia Murton: **Tatiana**

William Shantz: **Moondog**

Andrew Heffernan: **Biff**

Hannah Heffernan: **Kim (Camp Counselor)**

Isla Whitmore: **Madison**

Olivia Robitaille: **Tess**

Avna Wagg: **Brooke**

Cypress Pelletier: **Barney**

Laura Heffernan: **Candy**

Alaelah Pelletier: **Mrs. Jones**

Alistair Whitmore: **Mr. Ebenezer**

Leonie McDonald: **Alexa**

Julia Shantz: **Rhonda**

Zelda Forbes: **Josephine**

Leoni Van den Dool: **Alexa**

Henry Tang: **Joey**

Indigo Stewart: **Camper/Chorister & stage manager**

Samina Wagg: **Camper/Chorister**

Shayla Brown: **Co-Director**

Gabriela Dell: **Co-Director**

Victoria Warwick – **Music Director**

THANK YOU SO MUCH to this year's cast! It has been so much fun putting this together. Some cast members are returning from last year, but we welcome SO many newcomers! Their enthusiasm and talent is inspirational. Thank you so much to Shayla Brown for bringing her music and drama talent, to Gabriela Dell who brings her past experience with drama instruction; to Rick Dell for tech support and over-the-top props, and to all the parents and volunteers who helped in many ways to make this happen!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER read by

CLOSING HYMN: VU #43 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.

Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

1. While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. **Refrain:**
2. The shepherds feared and trembled when lo, above the earth
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Saviour's birth!**Refrain:**
3. Down in a lonely manger the humble Christ was born,
and God sent our salvation that blessed Christmas morn.**Refrain:**

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (Please allow the choir and children to recess first before leaving your seats)