

Season of Advent Week 3 – Joy



December 14th, 2025
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Gathering and Preparation

Prelude: Memorial Slide Show

Christmas Carols 10 minutes before service

Processional: Glory to God

Glory, glory, glory to God in the highest,
Glory, glory, glory to God be praise!
Glory, glory, glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.

Welcome:

Check In: Share a joke or funny story

Acknowledgement of the Land

Ahniin, We acknowledge that the land on which St. Paul's United Church is located is the traditional land of the Wendat and Anishinaabe First Nations.

Today, this meeting place is still the home to many Indigenous People from across Turtle Island, including Metis and our neighbours on Christian Island, Beausoleil First Nation. We are grateful to have the opportunity to worship and work on this land. We are all Treaty people.

This week, we give thanks for those who are storytellers, singers, dancers, and artists of all kinds. For those who bring beauty and joy into their communities.

We commit ourselves to walking in a new way together: a path of healing and hope.
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Call to Worship

Praise be to God

Who has made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them

Praise be to God

Who is watching over the strangers and upholding the downtrodden

Praise be to God

Who will transform our deserts to lush lands blooming with joy and singing

Praise be to God

Praise be to God, oh my soul

And so, filled with God's love,

We praise Creator today in beloved community

Where all of us belong.

Opening Prayer Reader: TBD

Lighting of Advent Candles: Joy Candle

Sung Response: We Light This Candle

We light this candle for hope

Await the new life within.

May our hearts now live each day,

so hope can find a way,

so hope can find a way.

Peace of Christ

Listening

Scripture: Isaiah 55:1-5, 12-13 NRSV **Reader: Kirsty**

INSERT Special Presentation: The Little Drummer Dude

Life and Work of the Church (Announcements)

Offering of Thanksgiving:

Offertory Music: Choir

Offertory Response: VU#55 verse 4 In the Bleak Midwinter

What can I give Him, Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb,
If I were a wise man I would do my part,
Yet what I can I give Him, Give my heart.

Celebrations and Concerns

Prayers of the People Reader: TBD

Going Forth

Song for the Journey: VU#59 Joy to the World

Extinguishing of the Candles

Blessing

Closing: Gloria VU#37

Postlude



**The Poinsettias have been
Provided for the Glory of God in Memory of...**

Mel Brown
Doug & Lorraine Bumstead
George & Marjorie Burton
Rocco Commisso
Ken & Bessie Cowan
Don & Jean Craig
Millie Dell
Ellen Barber
Faragher & Price Family
Fred Earl
Helen French
Harold & Arlene French
Gunter & Ruth Freund
Doug Hill
Jake Just
Tom & Greg Rogers
Ginger & George Leck

George Leck Jr. Marjorie & Clarence Lusk
Michael & Mark McConnell
Phyll & Jim McCullough
Bryson McQuirter
Jack & Edna Parker
Irene & Charles Payne
Christopher Payne
Cliff Pendlebury
Lorne Profit
John Steele
Eefie van den Dool
Aileen & Jim Wallace
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