

Tsawwassen United Church

The Longest Night Worship: God's Abiding Presence

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*Portions of the service printed in **bold** are spoken by the whole congregation.*

At the points marked "" those who are able are invited to stand*

Gathering Music

Scripture Sentences: Viewed on the Screen

Call to Worship

Hymn: "God Reveal Your Presence"

VU 391

Opening Prayer: God of comfort and compassion, hear us as we pray for ourselves and for all who live with loss and loneliness, pain and grief, hurt and isolation. We ask for strength for today, courage for tomorrow and peace for the past. We ask these things in the name of Christ Jesus who shares our life in joy and sorrow, in death and new birth, despair and promise. Amen

Scripture Reading: *(after each reading a candle will be lit and we will sing...)*

"Kindle a Flame to Lighten the Dark"

VU 19

Psalm 121; Isaiah 40: 1 – 8; Matthew 1 : 18 – 23; Luke 1: 26 – 30

Reflections: God's Abiding Presence

Prayerful Response: *(While in an attitude of prayer Candles may be lit in a manner of remembrance, surrender and release, or gratitude for God's gifts in our lives.)*

Hymn: "God of All Places"

VU 4

Blessing and Sending Forth:

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ accompany us all as we return to a world of pain, a world of promise; the world God so loved that the Child of Bethlehem was born. May we listen to the voice of the angel who says, "Fear Not." May we be filled with the Good News of God's Abiding Presence through the child of Mary and Joseph, God's gift of new life for all. Amen.