

TSAWWASSEN UNITED CHURCH
5:00pm CHRISTMAS EVE 2011
A Service of Celebration for the Birth of Jesus

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\*Indicates when to stand. If standing is ever a difficulty, please remain seated.  
Congregational participation and responses are in **Bold print**

PRELUDE: Carols on Harp by Katie Tuura

**\*CONGREGATION SINGS IN JOYFUL PRAISE:**

“O Come All Ye Faithful” VU 60

“Joy To the World” VU 59

Christmas Welcome

1<sup>st</sup> Lesson : Isaiah 40 : 1 – 8 (Page # 873)

(The Prophet proclaims good news to a people in exile)

**Lighting of the Advent Candles and the Christ Candle :**

We Light the candles of Advent reminding us of...  
Creation, Exodus, Prophets & Mary.

- \* Jesus Christ, the son of Mary, The Son of God is born this night.
- \* God’s word has been made flesh among us.
- \* The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.
- \* Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness - on them a light has shined.
- \* You, O Lord, have multiplied the nation. You have increased its joy. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder.
- \* His name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of peace.
- \* He is also called Emmanuel, for in him God is with us.

..... (As the Christ Candles is lit, let us all join in singing).....

**\*Advent Hymn:** “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” VU # 1

Christmas Offering

Let us Pray ...

**Eternal God, from the beginning of time and the creation of the universe you have formed this world with hope. Through the foolishness and faithfulness of your people, you continually bring us from exile into a peace that passes understanding.**

**When we have chosen our own path and our own truth, your prophets call us back to the path of Gospel Truth that fills us with joy. When our courage withers and our commitment fades, your steadfast Love changes our heart to humble service. You are indeed the light of the world. Thank you. Amen**

2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson : Luke 2 : 1 – 7

The Birth Story

(Mary and Joseph come forward to the Manger Scene)

DUET: “O Holy Night” *Adolphe Adam* Sung by Jaymie and Carly Johannson

3<sup>rd</sup> Lesson : Luke 2 : 8 – 14

The Shepherds and the Angels (Angels come forward)

**\*Carol :** “Angels We Have Heard on High” VU 38

4<sup>th</sup> Lesson : Luke 2 : 15 – 18

The Visit of the Shepherds (Shepherds come forward)

MUSIC: “Joseph’s Lullaby” Mercy Me Nathan, Kristin and Joshua

5<sup>th</sup> Lesson : Matthew 2 : 1, 2, 9 – 11

(Kings bearing Gifts come forward)

**CAROLS:** “Away in a Manger” VU 69

– Marilyn leads children for verse 1, ALL sing verses 2 & 3

“It Came Upon A Midnight Clear” VU 44

A Christmas Eve Reflection by Rev. Daniel Kirkegaard

MUSIC: “Thankful” David Foster Sung by Sandra Dawn Nash, .....

Christmas Prayer / Blessing.

While we pass light from the Christ Candle, let us join in the singing of :  
**“Silent Night” VU # 67**

POSTLUDE

*May the presence of Christ Jesus among us sustain you in Faith this Blessed Night and in each day of the New Year.*

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