

December 24th, 2021 Christmas Eve
Worship Link: <https://youtu.be/InkMzQmlyA0>

PRELUDE: *God rest ye merry gentlemen* (player: Andrew Parkin)

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE:

(Fabrice, Donna-Michelle, Sebastien, Benjamin Rancoeur)

♫ *O holy night* (sung by Kristin McNeish, Carolyn's sister)

Poinsettias given in memory by:

Dave & Anne Murdoch for:

George & Joan Saray/Gordon & Donelda; (parents) Andy Murdoch Wright (grandson)

Caroyne McAvoy for:

Tanya Beaton, (sister) Elizabeth Beaton & Homer McAvoy (parents)

Nancy MacDonald Exel for:

Mary & Earl Blackwell; Edna & Lewis MacDonald; Hank & Joan Exel; Amy Bross (niece)

Pat and Iain McNicol for: Andrew (son)

Bev Gibbons for: Bill (husband)

Ann Thomson for: Margaret and Peter Troy

Linda Macdonald for: Evelyn and Martin Snyder (parents)

Doris Maclean for: Gordon (husband) June Fabbri (sister)

CHILDREN'S TIME & CAROLS: #133 *Go tell it on the mountain*

♫ ***Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills & everywhere.
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.***

*While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, behold,
throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.*

*Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.*

CAROL: #149 *Away in a manger* (sung by Paul, and Ella & Olive)

♫ *Away in a manger, no crib for a bed. The little Lord Jesus laid down
his sweet head - the stars in the bright sky Looked down where he lay
The little Lord Jesus Asleep on the hay*

*The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes - but little Lord Jesus, no
crying he makes - I love You, Lord Jesus Look down from the sky
And stay by my side Until morning is nigh*

*Be near me, Lord Jesus I ask You to stay
Close by me forever And love me I pray
Bless all the dear children In Your tender care
And fit us for heaven To live with You there*

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 1:18-24a; Luke 2:1-7; Matthew 2:1-12 (NRSV)

Readers: Sturrock family & Murdoch family

This is the word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER: Refrain: *Hallelujah*

by L. Cohen (with Christmas words)

♫ ***Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah***

Holy and loving God, we come this night of nights to worship you....

♫ ***A couple came to Bethlehem Expecting child, they searched the inn
To find a place for You were coming soon***

There was no room for them to stay So in a manger filled with hay

God's only Son was born, oh Hallelujah

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

O God, we have so many prayers tonight – again, a Covid Christmas.....

♫ ***I know You came to rescue me this baby boy would grow to be***

A man and one day die for me and you

Too soon you'll feel the nails in You

That rugged cross was my cross, too

Still every breath You drew was Hallelujah

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

In deep gratitude for all the gifts of this life, we gather our voices and pray...

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

THE ASSURANCE:

♫ ***Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah***

CAROL: #153 *Joy to the World!* (TPC singers & players)

by Isaac Watts

SERMON: *A gift to a world in need*

BENEDICTION

CANDLELIGHT & MUSIC:

CAROL: #154 *Silent Night*

tune Franz Gruber