

Offering:

Offering Prayer:

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.

*"In the Bleak Midwinter" VU#55 vs.4*

Hymns:

"Joy to the World" VU#59

"The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy" VU#73

"O Little town of Bethlehem" VU#64

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

**SENT TO SHOW CHRIST'S LOVE**

Going Forth: "Once in Royal David City" VU#62

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain" VU#43

Benediction:

<sup>2</sup> Flocks were sleeping; shepherds keeping vigil till  
the morning new  
saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.  
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,  
praises voicing greet the morrow:

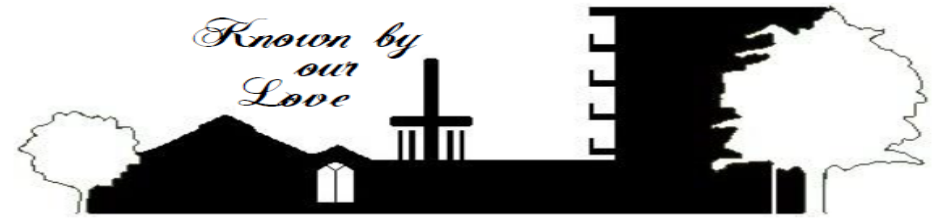
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"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" VU#58 vs.2

Choral Benediction:

Go now in peace, never be afraid  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
Know God will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.



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*Emmanuel United Church shall be a caring,  
welcoming faith community, nurturing  
spiritual life and sharing God's love  
and grace as experienced in Jesus Christ.*

**December 29, 2019 10:30am**

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

If you are new to Emmanuel, we hope that you feel welcome and  
that your faith has been enriched through the worship today  
and that you may come again!

Please sign the Guest Book before you leave.

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A special thank you to all participants in today's service.  
Guest Worship Leader: Mary-Way White  
Ushers: Josephine McCulley  
Coffee Fellowship: Brenda Cote & Josephine McCulley  
*Please join us for a time of fellowship after our service  
in the Bert Passmore Hall.*

**WE GATHER**  
**DECEMBER 29, 2019**  
**“FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS”**

**Welcome**

**Announcements**

**Territorial Acknowledgement:**

“We gather today on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabeg people and, specifically, the Nipissing First Nation, the land they share with us as a result of the Robinson-Huron Treaty. May we live in peace and friendship as a treaty people.”

**Greeting:**

*Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

*Congregation: And also with you.*

**WE ENTER INTO GOD’S PRESENCE**

**Call to Worship:** Psalm 148 13-14a

<sup>13</sup> Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
for his name alone is exalted;  
his glory is above earth and heaven.

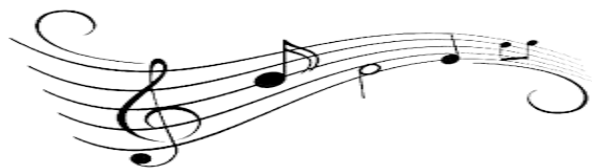
<sup>14</sup> He has raised up a horn for his people,  
praise for all his faithful,  
for the people of Israel who are close to him.

**Praise the Lord! Let us pray.**

**Hymns:** “O Come, All Ye Faithful” VU#60

“Gentle Mary Laid Her Child” VU#46

“Angels We Have Heard on High” VU#38a



**Opening Prayer:** VU#66

As once you came in the hush of darkness, O God,  
so still our hearts now by the wonder of this night.

Make us wise with the wisdom of a little one,  
that truth might be born afresh in us.

Let not our hearts be busy inns with no room,  
but doors opened wide to welcome a Holy Guest,  
who is Jesus Christ, alive with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

“A Christmas Prayer” VU#66

**Prayer of Assurance:** Hebrew 2:17-18

<sup>17</sup> Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup> Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

**Children’s Time for Learning Together:**

“The Huron Carol” by Ian Wallace

**Hymns:** “’Twas in the Moon of Winterime” VU#71 vs.2-4  
“Away in a Manger” VU#69

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD**

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 2: 1-14

*One: This is the Good News of Jesus Christ!*

**ALL: Glory to you O Christ.**

**Time of reflection:** “The Unwise Man”  
by Thomas R. Briggs (The Christmas Script Book)

**Hymns:** “We Three Kings of Orient Are”  
“What Child is This” VU#74  
“The First Nowell” VU#91