

Gospel Reading: Luke 1: 26-38

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

ALL: Glory to you O Christ.

Guest Quartet: "SHADOW"

Sermon: "The Joy of God is Our Strength" By: Roni Beharry

Prayer of Ascription: Breath of Heaven

By: Amy Grant and Chris Eaton

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L8_475FKJWQ

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn: "All Earth Is Waiting" VU#5

Offering

Guest Quartet: "SHADOW"

Offertory:

What can I give him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb,

if I were a wiseman, I would do my part,

yet, what can I give him Give my heart.

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

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

SENT TO SHOW CHRIST'S LOVE

Hymn: "Joy to the World" VU #59

Benediction

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.

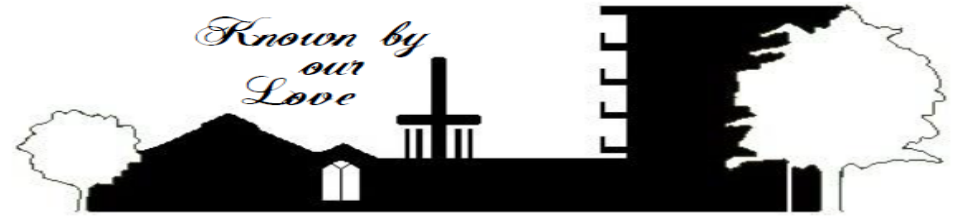
Know God will guide you in all you do.

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 16, 2018 10:30am

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

If you are new to Emmanuel, we hope that you feel welcome.

Please introduce yourself to our minister, Rev. Roni Beharry and sign the Guest Book before you leave.

We hope that your faith has been enriched through the worship today and that you may come again!

A special thank you to all participants
in today's service.

Ushers: Norm [or grandchild] & Linda Shillington

Coffee Fellowship: Bud McMartin & Norma Deller

Lighting the Advent Wreath: Zona Beeson, Brenda Cooper
and Elaine Simmens

*Please join us for coffee fellowship after the worship
service in the Bert Passmore Hall.*

WE GATHER - SUNDAY DECEMBER 16th

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

BE NOT AFRAID: THE JOY OF GOD IS OUR STRENGTH.

Welcome

Advent Hymn Sing

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.”

Minute for Mission: Anne Garrett

Guest Quartet: “SHADOW”

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

Lighting the Advent Wreath: Zona Beeson, Brenda Cooper
Elaine Simmens

Reader One: Today we celebrate God’s gift of Joy.

Reader Two: In our journey with God, we live with uncertainty. Life can be challenging. A faithful step isn’t necessarily an easy step.

Today we light a candle for Joy, recalling that our joy is found in knowing that God is with us in life, in death, in life beyond death.

Music during the lighting of the Advent Candles:

“A Candle Is Burning” VU#6 vs.1,2,3

Reader Three: We place Mary in the creche. She finds her joy in the angel’s reassurance “Greetings favoured one. The Lord is with you. (*Reader 3 places Mary in the crèche*)

Opening Prayer:

Let us pray together...

Who are we, O God,
that you should come to us?

Yet you visit us through a courageous young woman named Mary.

As we prepare to celebrate Jesus’s birth, prepare our hearts, by helping us to find our joy in the angel’s reassurances, “for nothing is impossible with God.”

We pray in Jesus Name, , **Amen.**

Adapted from Voices United, Advent Prayer VU#26

Opening Hymn: ““O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” VU#1

Confession: The New Creed VU#918

Prayer of Assurance

Choral Assurance of Forgiveness:

How silently, how silently
the wondrous gift is given!

So God imparts to human hearts
the blessed gift of heaven.

No ear may hear his coming,
but in this world of sin,

where meek souls will receive him still,
the dear Christ enters in.

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” VU#64 vs. 3

Children’s Time: “What is Joy?”

Hymn: “Angels We Have Heard On High” VU#38 vs.1

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

Old Testament: Isaiah 12: 2-6

One: Listen to the wisdom of the Prophet

ALL: Glory to God who speaks through the ages.

Choir Anthem: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"
(by Taylor Davis)