

This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of  
**Ceanne Butt, R.N.,**  
January 23, 1953 – December 27, 2009  
from sisters-in-law Glenda Winsor and Gloria Le Feuvre and  
families.

It is also dedicated in loving memory of  
parents, **Graham & Beatrice Pike, Capt. Stephen &**  
**Mrs. Cecilia Penney and sister Bernice Pike**  
from Adolphe & Minnie Penney.

## **St. James United Church**

December 24, 2019/Christmas Eve

Minister:	Rev. Brian Colbourne
Minister of Youth/Christian Education:	Susan Sheppard, DLM
Minister Emeritus:	Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown
Organist:	Amy Dalziel
Soloist:	Glenda Winsor
Choir:	Pop-up Choir
Greeters and Ushers:	Jennifer Tremblett, Claire Neary Gerry, Kim, Katelyn and Laura Mayo Wayne, Michelle, Maggie and Sophie Skinner

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St. James United Church is a safe place for all people to worship, regardless of race, creed, age, ability, cultural background or sexual orientation.

### **MUSICAL PRELUDE**

### **WELCOME**

**LIGHTING THE CANDLE:** (One) The Christ Candle reminds us that the light of Christ is with us, guiding us along our journey.

**OPENING SCRIPTURE:** Isaiah 9:2 and 6-7

**INTROIT HYMN:** *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

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**OPENING PRAYER:** (together) Dear God, we gather this evening to remember the birth of Jesus. We celebrate and give thanks that Jesus came into a chaotic world with the message of hope, love, joy and peace. May our worship bring glory and honour to Your name. Amen.

**OFFERTORY INVITATION:** (One) As we have been blessed, so we offer blessings here, that together we might share in God's work. Let us present the gift of our offering.

## OFFERING

**OFFERTORY CHORUS:** *In the Bleak Midwinter, v.4* 55  
*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.*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:** (together) We thank You, O God, for this wonderful night of gift giving. Together, as Your family, we welcome Your gifts of hope and peace, joy and love, brought to us in the birth of the Christ Child. May we share these gifts generously with all, not only today, but forever. Amen.

### THE ANGEL'S VISIT

**SCRIPTURE:** Luke 1:26 - 33  
**HYMN:** *O Little Town of Bethlehem* 64

### THE BIRTH OF JESUS

**SCRIPTURE:** Luke 2: 1 - 7  
**HYMN:** *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child Lowly in a Manger*  
to the tune of Good King Wenceslas 46

### THE ANGELS' SONG

**SCRIPTURE:** Luke 2: 8 - 14  
**HYMN:** *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* 48

### THE SHEPHERDS' RESPONSE

**SCRIPTURE:** Luke 2:15 - 20  
**SOLO:** *Star Carol* by John Rutter Glenda Winsor

## REFLECTION WITH CHILDREN

**HYMN:** *Away in a Manger* 69

**HYMN:** *Silent Night, Holy Night* 67

## PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

**SCRIPTURE:** John 1:1-14

**HYMN:** *Joy to the World* 59

**SENDING FORTH:** (One) Tonight, we have engaged; we have perceived; we have received. We know that the response must involve our whole lives. Let us go and be people who proclaim the message of Christmas all year long. Amen.

## **BLESSING**

*(Let us share the peace of Christ with each other as we leave.)*

## **MUSICAL POSTLUDE**

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*“The shepherds.....went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.”*

Luke 2: 15, 16

*“He is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace”*

Isaiah 9: 6

Question: How does King Wenceslas like his pizza?

Answer: Deep and crisp and even!