

# Mar in Grove United Church

where worship leads to service



## EPIPHANY

Rev. Dr. Rick Tamas  
Minister

January 8, 2023

# Martin Grove United Church

## Welcome to Worship!

*VU refers to Voices United, MV refers to More Voices*

**\*Indicates an invitation to stand - in body, or in spirit**

**Prelude: “We Three Kings of Orient Are”** *by John H. Hopkins Jr, arr by Craig Curry, Hal Leonard Corp*  
(Elaine Weimer)

### Minister’s Welcome

**\*Opening Hymn VU 91 “The First Nowell”** *English traditional melody, by John Stainer, Oxford University Press Inc*

### Lighting the Christ Candle

**Announcements** (Margaret Hamilton)

### Call to Worship

**Prayer of Approach** (Rev. Rick)

**Time of Personal Prayer: “How Brightly Beams the Morning Star”** *by J. C. Bach, uncle of J. S. Bach*  
(Elaine Weimer)

**Words of Assurance** (Rev. Rick)

**Choir Anthem: “From a Distant Home”** *Words by George K. Evans, Music traditional Puerto Rican carol, arr by Walter Ebret*

**Scripture Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6** (Margaret Hamilton)

**Scripture Reading: Ephesians 3:1-12** (Margaret Hamilton)

**Song of Reflection “The Holy and the Ivy”** *Traditional French carol, arr by Mary McDonald, Lorenz Publishing Co*  
(Elaine Weimer)

**Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:1-12** (Rev. Rick)

**Reflection: “Star of Wonder”** (Rev. Rick)

**Invitation to Offering**

**\*Offering Song: VU 55 vs4 “In the Bleak Midwinter”**

**\*Offering Prayer**

**Lighting of the Prayer Candle**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**\*Closing Hymn: VU 92 “In the Darkness Shines the Splendour”** *words by Bernadette Gasslein, music by Henry John Gauntlett*

**\*Commissioning**

**\*Benediction** (Rev. Rick)

**\*Sung Blessing: VU 963 “May the Grace of Christ”**

**Postlude: “Bicinium on Picardy”** *by Thomas Keesecker, Birnamwood Publishing*  
(Elaine Weimer)

## **SOUPER SUNDAY**

Today, back by popular demand, everyone may join, following the service, for “Souper Sunday” in the Well-Come Room. Those able are asked to make a donation, of any amount, to this fundraiser.

**January 15 – Baptism of Our Lord – Matthew 3:13-17**

**January 22 – Unity in Christ – 1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

### **DONATIONS**

E-TRANSFER: [Finance@MGUC.ca](mailto:Finance@MGUC.ca)

ONLINE: [CanadaHelps.org](http://CanadaHelps.org)

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