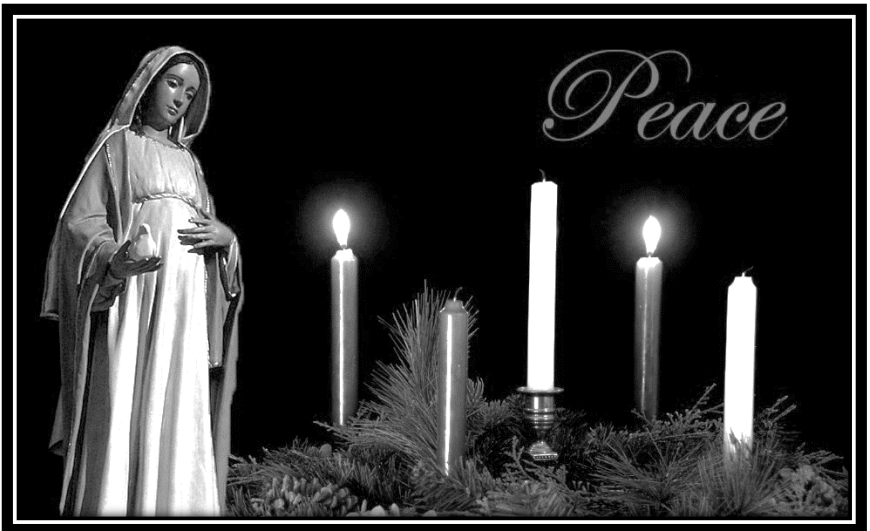


Martin Grove United Church

where worship leads to service



“Prepare the Way of the Lord”

Rev. Dr. Rick Tamas
December 10, 2023

Welcome to Worship!

VU refers to Voices United, MV refers to More Voices

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

Prelude: “Once in Royal David’s City” *Music by Henry John Gauntlett, Arranged by Judith Dallimore*

(Merry Bells of Martin Grove)

Minister’s Welcome

***Opening Hymn: VU 1 “O come, O come, Emmanuel”**

Words from Latin antiphons for Advent

Announcements

(Margaret Hamilton)

Call to Worship

Prayer of Approach

Time of Personal Prayer: “Meditation” *By Max Keller*

Words of Assurance

The Advent Candle of Peace: VU 7 “Hope is a Star” (Verse 2) *Words by Brian Wren, Music by Joan Collier Fogg*

FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & ANTHEMS

First Reading

(David Dallimore)

Anthem: “Where is the Saviour?” *By John Purifoy*

Second Reading

(Allan Jones)

Anthem: “Arise, Good Shepherds!” *By John Purifoy*

Third Reading

(David Dallimore)

Anthem: “The Joy of Christmas!” *By John Purifoy*

Scripture: Isaiah 40: 1-11

(Rev. Rick)

Song of Reflection: “Still, Still, Still” *Arr by Thomas Keesecker*
(Jill Diane Filion)

Reflection: “Prepare the Way of the Lord” (Rev. Rick)

Invitation to Offering

***Offering Hymn: VU 55 “In the bleak mid-winter” (Verse 4)** *Words by Christina Georgina Rossetti, Music by Gustav Theodor Holst*

***Offering Prayer**

Merry Bells: “Holy, Infant Lowly” *Arranged by Judith Dallimore*

Lighting of the Prayer Candle

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

***Closing Hymn: VU 47 “Still, Still, Still”**

Dedicated to:

Paul, Maddie, E.P. Mayen R.I.P

Sponsored by:

Dora Iyoho

Marilyn Coombs

***Commissioning and Benediction**

***Sung Blessing: MV 213 “Take up His song” (Verse 1)** *By*
Laura A. Herman

Postlude: “I Saw Three Ships” *Arranged by Judith Dallimore*
(Merry Bells of Martin Grove)

"We acknowledge that our sacred space is found on the indigenous territories of the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishinabe, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Huron -Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Metis. With gratitude and respect for their stewardship of creation, we seek to live into right relations with all."

Events & Reminders

TODAY – White Gifts, Handbells, Anthems, and Readings – 10:30am

Unwrapped \$10 Gift Exchange – 11:30am

Dec 13 – U.C.W. lunch at Swiss Chalet – 12:00pm noon

Dec 17 (Advent 3) – Holy Communion – 10:30am

Christmas Concert – 3pm

Dec 24 (Advent 4) – “Song of Mary” – 10:30am

Candlelight service – 7:00pm

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