

Martin Grove United Church

where worship leads to service



“Rejoice in God Always”

**Rev. Dr. Rick Tamas
December 17, 2023**

Welcome to Worship!

VU refers to Voices United, MV refers to More Voices

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

Chime Prelude: Allan Jones

Prelude: “There’s a song in the air” *By Pepper Choplin*
(Elaine Weimer)

Minister’s Welcome

***Opening Hymn: VU 64 “O little town of Bethlehem”** *Words by Phillips Brooks, Music by Lewis Henry Redner*

Announcements (Marilyn Coombs)

Call to Worship

Prayer of Approach

Time of Personal Prayer: “While shepherds watched their flocks” *By Anna Laura Page*

Words of Assurance

The Advent Candle of Joy: VU 7 “Hope is a Star” (Verse 3)
Words by Brian Wren, Music by Joan Collier Fogg

Choir Anthem: “Angel carol” *By Anna Laura Page*

Scripture: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 (Tanya Comrie)

Scripture: Psalm 126

Song of Reflection: “Infant holy, infant lowly” *By Tracey Craig McKibben*

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 (Rev. Rick)

Reflection: “Rejoice in God Always”

(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**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Communion Liturgy

Breaking and Pouring

Invitation to the Table

Post Communion Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

***Closing Hymn: VU 74 “What child is this?”** *Words by William*

Chatterton Dix

***Commissioning and Benediction**

***Sung Blessing: MV 213 “Take up His song”** *By Laura A.*

Herman

Postlude: “God rest ye merry, gentlemen” *Arr by Phillip Keveren*

(Elaine Weimer)

The white poinsettia on the chancel is placed by Rick Wall in loving memory of his parents, Sam and Olive Wall and his brother, Les who were long time members of MGUC & Rexdale United.

"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 (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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