

Martin Grove United Church

where worship leads to service



Advent 4
“My Soul Magnifies the Lord”

Rev. Dr. Rick Tamas
December 24, 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: “O come, o come Emmanuel” *Arr by Heather Sorenson*
(Jill Diane Filion)

Please take this time to quietly prepare your heart, body & mind for worship.

Minister’s Welcome

***Opening Hymn: VU 43 “Go, tell it on the mountain”**
Words by John Wesley Work II

Announcements (Marilyn Coombs)

Call to Worship

Prayer of Approach

Time of Personal Prayer: “Old Christmas carol” *By Cesar Franck*

Words of Assurance

The Advent Candle of Love: VU 7 “Hope is a Star”
(Verse 4) *Words by Brian Wren, Music by Joan Collier Fogg*

Choir Anthem: “Baby Boy” *By Don Besig and Nancy Price*

Scripture: Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26 (Juli Roslin)

Scripture: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Song of Reflection: “What child is this?” *Traditional
English melody*

Scripture: Luke 1:39-55 (Rev. Rick)

Reflection: “My Soul Magnifies 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**

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

***Closing Hymn: VU 73 “The Virgin Mary had a baby
boy”** *West Indian carol*

***Commissioning and Benediction**

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

Postlude: “O Carolan's lament and Coventry carol” *Arr
by Thomas Keesecker* (Jill Diane Filion)

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 4) – “Song of Mary” – 10:30am

Candlelight service – 7:00pm

Jan 21 – Committee Reports to Admin for Annual Report

MGUC and the Outreach Committee thank everyone who participated in the combined WHITE GIFT/MITTEN TREE Program.

Ernestine’s and Youth Without Shelter are very thankful for the cheques, gift cards and the many winter items donated. If you did not get your items here earlier, please bring them. We will deliver.

Psychotherapy Available at MGUC Would you like to relieve anxiety or stress due to work or other situations? To learn more, contact Rev Rick.



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