

Martin Grove United Church

where worship leads to service

Advent 2
White Gift Sunday



“Living in Peace”

Rev. Dr. Rick Tamas
December 8, 2024

Welcome to Worship!

VU refers to Voices United, MV refers to More Voices

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

Prelude: “I Saw Three Ships” *English Carol*
(Merry Bells of Martin Grove)

Minister’s Welcome

Announcements

***Opening Hymn: VU 38 “Angels We Have Heard on High”** *French carol melody*

The Advent Candle of Peace: VU 6 Vs. 2 “A Candle is Burning”

Call to Worship (Margaret Hamilton)

Prayer of Approach

Song of Personal Prayer: “Coventry Carol” *English Traditional Carol*
(Jill Diane Filion)

Words of Assurance

FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND ANTHEMS

Narration 1 (David Dallimore, Tina Klein)
Anthem: “Prepare for the Coming of the Lord”

Narration 2 (David Dallimore, Tina Klein)
Anthem: “All Glory Be to God on High!”

Narration 3 (David Dallimore, Tina Klein)
Anthem: “Come, Adore the Newborn King!”

First Scripture: Luke 1:68-79 (Margaret Hamilton)

Second Scripture: Philippians 1:3-11

Song of Reflection: “Still, Still, Still” (Elaine Weimer)

Third Scripture: Matthew 3:1-12

Reflection: “Living in Peace” (Rev Dr Rick Tamas)

Invitation to Offering

***Offering Hymn: VU55 “In the Bleak Midwinter”** (Vs 4)
Words by Christina Georgina Rossetti, Music: Gustav Theodor Holst

***Offering Prayer**

Lighting of the Prayer Candle

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

***Closing Hymn: VU 9 “People, Look East”** *Words by Eleanor Farjeon, Music French folk melody*

***Commissioning**

***Benediction**

***Sung Blessing: “Take Up His Song”** *Words by Laura A. Herman*

Postlude: “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” *German Traditional Melody*
(Merry Bells of Martin Grove)

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*All Welcome to the **Bake Sale** in the Wellcome Room
following the service!*

MGUC is a Scent Free Space

“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.”

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LOOKING AHEAD

December 15 – Advent 3 – Holy Communion

December 15 – Christmas Concert - 3pm

December 22 – Advent 4 – The Merry Bells

December 24 – Christmas Eve Service – 7pm

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