

Martin Grove United Church

where worship leads to service

Advent 3



“Sharing the Joy”

Rev. Dr. Rick Tamas
December 15, 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: “The Sussex Carol” *by Larry Shackley, Traditional English Carol*
(Elaine Weimer)

Minister’s Welcome

Announcements

***Opening Hymn: VU 43 “Go, Tell It On The Mountain”** *Words by John Wesley Work II, Music African-American Spiritual*

The Advent Candle of Joy: VU 6 Vs. 3 “A Candle is Burning”

Call to Worship (Peggy McKee)

Prayer of Approach

Song of Personal Prayer: “What Child is This?” *by Thomas Keesecker*
(Elaine Weimer)

Words of Assurance

Choir Anthem: “Creation Will Dance and Rejoice!”
Words by Trilby Carter Jordan, Music by David Angerman

First Scripture: Isaiah 12:2-6 (Peggy McKee)

Second Scripture: Philippians 4:4-7

Song of Reflection: “It Came upon the Midnight Clear”
Arr by Phillip Keveren (Elaine Weimer)

Third Scripture: Luke 1:39-55

Reflection: “Sharing the Joy”

(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**

HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

Communion Liturgy

Lighting of the Prayer Candle

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

***Closing Hymn: VU 59 “Joy to the World”** *Words by*

Isaac Watts, Music attr to George Frideric Handel

***Commissioning**

***Benediction**

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

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Postlude: “He is Born” *Arr by Mary McDonald, Traditional*

French Carol

The poinsettia on the chancel is in memory of parents, Sam & Olive Wall and brother, Les who were long time members of MGUC & Rexdale United. Placed by Rick & Gillian Wall, Campbell River BC

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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

**TODAY: CHRISTMAS CONCERT 3PM
“EMMANUEL IS COMING”**

December 22 – Advent 4 – The Merry Bells

December 24 – Christmas Eve Service – 7pm

December 29 – Judith Dallimore

“The Epiphany Story”

January 5 – Epiphany Sunday

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