

Martin Grove United Church

where worship leads to service

Advent 4



“God With Us”

Rev. Dr. Rick Tamas
December 22, 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: “Infant Holy” *Traditional Carol*

(The Merry Bells of Martin Grove)

Minister’s Welcome

Announcements

***Opening Hymn: VU 60 “O Come, All Ye Faithful”**

Words by Frederick Oakeley, Music attr to John Francis Wade

The Advent Candle of Love: VU 6 Vs. 4 “A Candle is Burning”

Call to Worship

(Carol Jones)

Prayer of Approach

Song of Personal Prayer: “Coventry Carol” *Traditional*

Carol (The Merry Bells of Martin Grove)

Words of Assurance

Choir Anthem: “Angel Song” *By Patricia Mock and Jon Paige*

First Scripture: Micah 5:2-5a

(Carol Jones)

Second Scripture: Psalm 80:3-7

Song of Reflection: “Now Tell Us, Gentle Mary” *Cesar*

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(Elaine Weimer)

Third Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25

Reflection: “God With Us”

(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 73 “The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy”** *West Indian Carol, Arr by John Barnard*

***Commissioning**

***Benediction**

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

Postlude: “In Dulci Jubilo” *Traditional Carol*
(The Merry Bells of Martin Grove)

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

Thank you to the Merry Bells of Martin Grove for their gift of music this morning.

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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

December 24 – Christmas Eve Service – 7pm

December 29 – Judith Dallimore

“The Epiphany Story”

January 5 – Epiphany Sunday

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The church office will be closed during the week
of Christmas and New Year’s.

Telephone messages will be picked up
on a regular basis.