

Martin Grove United Church

where worship leads to service



Rev. Dr. Rick Tamas
Minister

7pm
December 24, 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: “Mary’s Lullaby” (*Music by Max Reger, Arr by Larry Shackley*)
(Jill Diane Filion & Elaine Weimer)

Words of Welcome (Rev Rick)

Opening Prayer

*** Hymn: VU 60 vs 1, 3, 5 “O Come All Ye Faithful”**

Lighting of the Christ Candle

One: Hope, peace, joy and love. Four Candles, four promises continually offered to us by God. All of them manifest in this candle we light today: the Christ Candle.

All: In Christ we find the hope of transformation, the peace of unity, the joy of fulfillment in community, and the love that welcomes all in our diversity.

(The Christ Candle is Lit)

Song for Lighting the Christ Candle: VU 6, vs 5

One: We rejoice in God’s presence in our lives.
May the Light of Christ lead us to the shining truth of God with us, God in us, and God through us. Amen.

*** Hymn: VU 58 “Infant Holy”**

Scripture: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Hymn: VU 44 vs 1,2,4 “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

Scripture: Luke 1:26-38

“What Child is This?” *Arr by Fred Bock* (Jill Diane Filion)

Scripture: Luke 2:1-7

Hymn: VU 69 “Away in a Manger”

Scripture: Luke 2:8-16

Hymn: VU 74 “What Child is This?”

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12

*** Hymn: VU 48 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”**

Invitation to Offering

*** Offering Hymn: VU 55 vs4 “In the Bleak Midwinter”**

Offering Prayer

Song of Illumination: “Mary, did you know?”

Music by Mark Lowry and Buddy Greene, Arr by Dan Coates

(Jill Diane Filion)

Scripture: John 1:1-14

(Rev Rick)

* Hymn: VU59 “Joy to the World”

Closing Prayer

(Rev Rick)

* Blessing

* Hymn: VU 67 “Silent Night, Holy Night”

(Sung in candlelight, depart in silence)

*Christmas Blessings to you and your family!
We look forward to seeing you in 2025!*

*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*

*“Mary will conceive a son and he will be
called Emmanuel, God with us.”*

(Matthew 1:23)



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the weeks of Christmas and New Years.

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