

The Christmas Eve Gathering at Historic Fort Massey by~the~Sea

A Congregation of The United Church of Canada
Watching over Halifax Harbour since 1871

7:00 p.m., December 24, 2015

ORDER of SERVICE

* indicates standing for those who are able

PRELUDE *Adagio* from *Symphony No. 9* — Anton Dvořák

***PROCESSIONAL** Once in Royal David's City VU 62

GATHERING WORDS

A SIGN OF PEACE *Peace be with you. And also with you.*

CHOIR CAROL *Away in a manger* — Basque trad.

WELCOME

OFFERING **Offertory:** The Wexford Carol - Traditional Irish Christmas carol
Kevin Roberts, flute

Response: Hope Is a Star (vs. 1-4) VU 7
(The four Advent candles are lit by *the Janson boys* -
Jacob, Simon, Saul, & Jude)

* Standing as the offering is brought forward, and remain standing.

***LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE** (The Christmas Candle is lit by *the Janson girl, Daisy*)

TUNE: WHITE CHRISTMAS Composer: Irving Berlin

WORDS: Richard Bott, Dunbar Heights UC, Vancouver

Women: I'm dreaming of a white Christmas, with every Advent flame that lights.
When our lives turn softly, toward the godly, and we hear angels in the night.

Men: I'm dreaming of a bright Christmas that will remind us of the Child. New-
born in a manger, no more a stranger, the One in whom God's love has smiled!

ALL: We're dreaming of a bright Christmas and now the Christ child's
flame's alight. May these days be merry and bright. May we live Christ's
love with all our might!

READING Luke 2:1-7 – *Lilli Knorr*

REFLECTION Refuge-e in a Stable: Part One

ANTHEM *Bel astre que j'adore* — André Gagnon

READING	Psalm 137:1-4 – Elizabeth Dorey	
REFLECTION	<u>Refuge-e in a Stable: Part Two</u>	
*CAROL	Silent Night, Holy Night Children come forward on the last verse	VU 67
PLACING OF THE BABY JESUS IN THE CRECHE	– Victoria MacDougall	
CHILDREN’S STORY	“Listen to the Silent Night” by Dandi Daley Mackall paintings by Steve Johnson & Lou Fancher	
CHILDREN’S CAROL	Away in a Manger	VU 69
PRAYER & PRAYER OF JESUS	The Lord’s Prayer	VU 921
*CLOSING CAROL	Joy to the World	VU 59
*PARTING WORDS		
POSTLUDE	<i>In dulci jubilo</i> — J.S. Bach	
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Merry Christmas! A special welcome to those home for the holidays and to our **visitors**. We are delighted to have you joining us at our annual Christmas Eve Family Service. You are invited to sign our **Guest Book**; if you’re looking for a church home, please fill out a **Welcome Card** at the left of the main doors upon exiting the nave, leaving it with the guest book. Our 10:30 a.m. Sunday Services include a staffed Church School & Nursery. **Children** should feel free to be children tonight!

Over the holidays: Church Office closed Dec 25-Jan 2.
 Emergencies, call the Manse at 902.425.3810.
 Dec 27, 10:30 AM, 1st Sunday after Christmas, A Service of Readings, Carols, Gifts and Memories
 Jan 3, 10:30 AM, Epiphany Sunday & New Year’s Communion
 Jan 5, 7:30 PM, Board of Management
 Jan 10, 11:45 AM, Fort Massey~St. Matthew’s~St. David’s Refugee Meeting
 St. Matthew’s UC gym, 1479 Barrington St.

Thank you to all our participants, including, The Chancel Choir & friends, *Simon Abbott*, Director of Music/organist; and *Kevin Robarts*, resident flutist.

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