Trinity United Church Order of Service December 22, 2024

Advent Four

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**God Welcomes All With Loving Grace**

**Prelude**

**Advent Candlelighting Liturgy(Love): The Kinnear/Bertram family**

Reader: When the people were looking for deliverance, the prophet Micah declared, “But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah…from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient day.” (Micah 5:2). But what if Micah is also talking to us, proclaiming, “But you, O Trinity United Church, from you shall come forth for me…” What? What might God be calling forth from us?

**All: God invites us to receive the promise of God’s salvation and the sustenance of God’s mercy and grace, enabling us to live the promise as God-bearers to the world. As Christ was born in Bethlehem, so too we answer God’s invitation to have Christ born among us today and every day.**

Reader: We light this candle of love as a sign of our commitment to live as people of God’s promise, a promise of salvation and flourishing for all people that springs forth from God’s love for all creation.

Fourth candle of Love is lit.

**Advent Song: “Light the Advent Candle One”**

**Light the Advent candle one Now the waiting has begun We have started on our way Time to think of Christmas day.**

**Chorus:  
Candle, candle burning bright Shining in the cold winter night Candle, candle burning bright  
Fill our hearts with Christmas light.**

**Light the Advent candle two Think of humble shepherds who Filled with wonder at the sight Of the child on Christmas night.**

**Light the Advent candle three Think of heavenly harmony Angels singing "Peace on Earth" At the Blessed Saviour's birth.**

**Light the Advent candle four Think of Joy forever more  
Christ child in a stable born  
Gift of love that Christmas morn.**

**Announcements and Opportunities @Trinity**

**Opening Prayer: Great Shepherd of our Souls, like the sudden brilliance of angels shining into shepherd’s eyes, you bring us surprising mercy in the darkness. You lead us to ponder the treasures to be found in every humble circumstance, like that of the holy family lodged with animals in a dark cave. You lead us to ponder your hand in all mysteries and wonders, like Mary. We praise you, God, for the gift of your Son, for such a treasure entrusted to our hands. Give us joy to proclaim the Saviour’s birth, the one in whom ethe world shall find life and peace. Amen.**

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

**verses 1, 2, 4, 3, and 5**

**Children’s Time**

**Hymn: VU 48 “Hark the Herald Angels Sing”**

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**God Speaks to Us with Peace and Assurance**

**Choir Cantata: “The Winter Rose”**

**Hymn: VU 76 “See Amid the Winter’s Snow”**

**God Supports and Lifts Us**

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer**

Acknowledging our Offerings in Support of Trinity United’s ministries

**Prayer of Dedication**: **Loving God, you birth abundant life. We thank you for the birth we celebrate this week. In response to your great labour of love, we offer our gifts. As we open ourselves to you, may your love be born in us this Christmastide. Amen.**

**Closing Hymn: VU 91 “The First Nowell”**

**Blessing**

**THE WINTER ROSE  By Joseph M. Martin**

**The Winter Rose**

**When Will He Come**

**Advent Cry**

**Every Valley**

**Carol of Remembrance**

**Lullaby to a Rose**

**Dance Into The Light**

**The Rose Tree Carol**

**The Winter Rose (Reprise)**

**Look to the Rose**

**Lo, How a Rose**

**NARRATOR:  Linda Murphy**

**PLACEMENT OF ROSES:  Charlene Cooper**

**ACCOMPANISTS: Paul Sloan, Cecelia Mutton**

**CHORAL  CONDUCTOR:   Lesley Joosten-Forbes**

**CHORUS:  \*Indicates Soloist**

**SOPRANO**

**Joy Barr**

**Sarah Baumgarten**

**Joanne Bonner**

**Maryellen Burgess\***

**Peggy Cruickshank**

**Heather Emerson**

**Heather Ferguson**

**Sonja Ferris\***

**Mary Ellen McNaught**

**Patti Watson**

**ALTO**

**Joan Boughton**

**Quinn Hammond**

**Sylvia McLeod**

**Mary Elizabeth Piercy**

**Diane Raino**

**Doris Sloan**

**TENOR**

**Andy Cooper**

**Ray Piercy**

**BASS**

**Brian Hamlin**

**Paul Johnston**

**John Mutton\***

**Ralph Sneyd**

**Philip Watson**

**Al White**

**GUEST INSTRUMENTALISTS:    \*Cantata Ensemble**

**Susan Connolly\*                      Violin**

**Jenna Ramjit-McKellar\*           Flute**

**Brian Lewis                               Trumpet 1**

**Robin Watson**

**Steve Ferris\*                             Trumpet 2**

**Amy Lewis**

**Bella Thor                                  Trombone**

**Bob Muir**

**Melanie Kearns                         French Horn**

**Adam Kearns                            Tuba**

**D.J. Thorpe                               Timpani**

**Amanda Clarke                         Cymbals**

**We Thank All of Our Singers and Instrumentalists**

**who have come together to present this year’s**

**Christmas Cantata.**

**They come from Orillia, Meaford, Midland,**

**Collingwood and London.**