

# ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

130 Cornwallis Ave., New Minas, NS B4N 3M7

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, December 24, 2017, 7:00 pm

### Christmas Eve

\* Please rise in body and/or spirit

#### Music as We Gather

\* Clergy and Choir Enter

#### Advent Candle Lighting Ceremony:

One: Tonight, we celebrate hope fulfilled in the birth of Christ.

**All: Joy to the world! The Lord has come.**

One: Tonight, we celebrate the promise of peace on earth.

**All: Let earth receive her King.**

One: Tonight, we celebrate the joy of knowing a Saviour has come.

**All: Let every heart prepare him room.**

One: Tonight, we celebrate the love of God, through Jesus Christ.

**All: Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns!**

#### Candle Lighting:

Tonight, we light all five candles on this advent wreath. As the flames gleam we are reminded that Christ is the true light of the world, and with the Christ candle in the centre, the flames of hope, peace, joy, and love burn even brighter. So it is with Christ in our hearts, we can rest in the hope of eternal life, and look forward to the promised peace on earth. Joy to the World! The Lord has come.

\* Hymn: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" VU #2, v1

#### Prayer: (All)

Gracious God, as we celebrate tonight, we join with the angel choir in proclaiming your glory. We thank you for giving us the perfect gift this Christmas Eve, the gift of eternal life through Christ. We ask that you guide our feet, direct our minds, hear our prayers, and fill our hearts with the hope, peace, joy, and love of this Christmas season. We ask these things in the name of Christ Jesus, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

#### *Welcome*

\* Hymn: "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" VU #44

#### *Announcement*

\* Hymn: "There Was a Child in Galilee (Dreaming Mary)" MV #134

#### *Journey*

Special Music: "O Come, O Come"  
(performed by Grace Oleskevich and Maya Hawley)

#### *Baby*

\* Hymn: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" VU #64

#### *Shepherds*

Anthem: "How Quietly"  
*(The offering will be collected during the singing of the Anthem)*

#### *Wise People*

\* Hymn: "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" VU #43

#### Benediction