

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH
130 Cornwallis Ave., New Minas, NS B4N 3M7

ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 23, 2018, 11:00 am

Advent 4 - LOVE
CANTATA

* Please rise in body and/or spirit

Music as We Gather

Gathering

*** Clergy & Choir Enter**

Advent Candle Litany

***Hymn: "Loves Pure Light"**

O Come, O Come Emmanuel
And end this gloom of night.
Bring hope to the world,
Bring peace to the earth,
And fill us with love's pure light.

One: During Advent we see God's love for us embodied in our Saviour's birth.

All: Christ is our light and the source of everlasting Love.

One: Advent calls us to love others with patience and kindness.

All: Christ is our light and the source of everlasting Love.

One: Advent calls us to be slow to anger and quick to forgive.

All: Christ is our light and the source of everlasting Love.

One: Advent reminds us that Christ commanded us to love as he loved.

All: Christ is our light and the source of everlasting Love.

* Candle Lighting

Hymn

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Welcome and Announcements

* Call to Worship:

One: Long ago the people were given a sign of God’s presence.

All: “Look, a young woman shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,”

One: Emmanuel - “God with us.”

God’s promise to us remains sure and true:

All: God’s anointed Son will soon walk among us,

One: to lighten our darkness,

All: to keep our face always turned to God.

One: Let all people know the God of love is with us.

All: The God of love is with us! Hallelujah! AMEN.

* Opening Prayer:

One: Stir up your Spirit within us, O God,

All: set us free by your birth in our midst,

One: and by the light of your face shining upon us,

All: by becoming our friend,

One: our companion and guide,

All: our hope and our joy.

One: Add your blessings to our own

All: to those whose gifts are shared with us and God today.

One: Pour your Spirit upon them,

**All: for their hearts sing and their good works fulfilling.
Hallelujah and AMEN!**

Listening

Children's Focus

The Lord's Prayer

Carol: "O Come all Ye Faithful" VU #60

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem:
come and behold him, born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

God of God, light of light,
lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb;
very God, begotten, not created: **R**

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God in the highest: **R**

See how the shepherds summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps; **R**

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

!Sing Christmas!

SUITE I

Sing Joy Overture
Joy of Longing Hearts

SUITE II

Sing Noel
Tell Out My Soul

Carol:** ***O Little Town of Bethlehem

The offering will be received as we sing

*O Little town of Bethlehem
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy darkness shineth
The everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.*

*For Christ is born of Mary;
and gathered all above;
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to all on earth.*

*How silently, how silently
The wond'rous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessed gift of heaven.
No ear may hear His coming,
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him, still
The dear Christ enters in.*

*O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel.*

SUITE III

Sing Emmanuel! Christ is King
Emmanuel! God with Us!

SUITE IV

Sing Gloria

Glory to the New Born King

Benediction

Music as we depart