

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

Sunday, January 6, 2019, 9:00 am

**Music as We Gather**

**Welcome & News of the Community**

One: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And also with you!**

**Music: "I Am the Light of the World" VU #87**

REFRAIN:

*'I am the light of the world!*

*You people come and follow me!'*

*If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery  
of what you were meant to do and be.*

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
when the star in the sky is gone,  
when the kings and the shepherds have  
found their way home,  
the work of Christmas is begun: R

To find the lost and lonely one,  
to heal the broken soul with love,  
to feed the hungry children with warmth and good food,  
to feel the earth below, the sky above!



They looked up and saw a star,  
shining in the east, beyond them far;  
and to the earth it gave great light,  
and so it continued both day and night.

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.*

This star drew nigh to the northwest;  
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,  
and there it did both stop and stay,  
right over the place where Jesus lay. R

Then entered in those wise men three,  
full reverently upon their knee,  
and offered there in his presence  
their gold and myrrh and frankincense. R

## **Children's Time**

**Sharing the Story:** Matthew 2:1-12

## **Focus on the Word**

**Music:** "Will You Come and See the Light" VU #96 vs. 1,2,5

Will you come and see the light from the stable door?  
It is shining newly bright, though it shone before.  
It will be your guiding star,  
it will show you who you are;  
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?

Will you step into the light that can free the slave?  
It will stand for what is right, it will heal and save.  
By the pyramids of greed  
there's a longing to be freed;  
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?

Will you travel by the light of the babe new born?  
In the candle lit at night there's a gleam of dawn,  
and the darkness all about  
is too dim to put it out:  
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?

## Prayer in Action

### Affirmation:

One: The darkness is gone.

**All: Let's rejoice in the light!**

One: The star shines brightly.

**All: We will follow the star!**

One: A child is born.

**All: And we bring our gifts!**

**Music: "All Things Bright and Beautiful"**

**VU #291**

REFRAIN:

*All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful:  
in love, God made them all.*

Each little flower that opens,  
each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colours,  
God made their tiny wings.

The purple-headed mountains,  
the river running by,  
the sunset and the morning  
that brightens up the sky;

The cold wind in the winter,  
the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden:  
God made them every one.

The rocky mountain splendour,  
the lone wolf's haunting call,  
the great lakes and the prairies,  
the forest in the fall;

God gave us eyes to see them,  
and lips that we might tell  
how great is God our maker,  
who has made all things well.

*All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful:  
in love, God made them all.*

## **Benediction**