

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, December 26th, 2021, 10:00 am

1st Sunday after Christmas

Music as We Gather

Gathering

Lighting of the Candles

Hymn: "What Child Is This"

VU #74

What child is this, who laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
while shepherds watch are keeping?

*This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the Babe, the Son of Mary!*

Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading. **R**

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
come, one and all, to own him.
The King of Kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone him. **R**

Recognition of the Land

Welcome and Announcements

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

Call to Worship

Like Joseph and Mary, we want to protect the child Jesus, and keep him safe from the challenges of the world.

The unplanned for, the suddenly thrust upon us realities of the world cause us to be frightened and insecure, wondering if there was something we could have done differently. In it all we remember that God is always with us. So, we can be confident in placing our trust in God's loving presence today, this first day after Jesus' birth, as we grow in our own faith as we worship today.

Opening Prayer

Listening

Hymn: "See amid the Winter's Snow"

VU #76

See amid the winter's snow,
born for us on earth below,
see, the tender Lamb appears,
promised from eternal years.

*Hail, thou ever-blessed morn;
hail, redemption's happy dawn;
sing through all Jerusalem,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.*

Lo, within a manger lies
God who built the starry skies,
who enthroned in height sublime
sits amid the cherubim. **R**

Say, ye holy shepherds, say
what your joyful news today;
wherefore have ye left your sheep
on the lonely mountain steep? **R**

'As we watched at dead of night,
lo, we saw a wondrous light;
angels singing 'Peace on earth'
told us of the Saviour's birth.' **R**

Sacred infant, all divine,
what a mighty love was thine,
thus to come from highest bliss
down to such a world as this! **R**

Scriptures: Psalm 46:10

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Message: Breakthrough by Pastor Katie

Hymn: "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" VU #75
vs.1,3,6

While shepherds watched their flocks by night
all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down,
and glory shone around.

'To you in David's town this day
is born of David's line
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;
and this shall be the sign:
'All glory be to God on high,
and to the earth be peace!
Good will to all from highest heaven
begin, and never cease.'

Scriptures: Luke 2:41-52
The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

Message: Like Never Before by Rev. Don

Hymn: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" VU #35

Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice!
Give ye heed to what we say: News! News!
Jesus Christ is born today.
Ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice!
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Joy! Joy!
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened heaven's door,
and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice!
Now ye need not fear the grave: Peace! Peace!
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Celebrating

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Commissioning & Benediction:

Hymn: "Joy to the World" VU #59

Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
let earth receive her King!
Let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! the Saviour reigns:
let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground:
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the earth with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.