



HIGHLAND HILLS PASTORAL CHARGE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2018

★ Indicates please rise in body or in spirit.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE, WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOCUSED MOMENT

THE APPROACH

★ **GATHERING CHORUS:** VU #29 vs 1

Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes, the Savior promised long:
let every heart prepare a throne, and every voice a song. ©

ADVENT CANDLE-LIGHTING LITANY

One: Again we light a candle for hope -
hope for ourselves, hope for God's beloved world.
(Light candle)

**ALL: Again we light a candle for peace -
peace in our hearts and peace on earth.**
(Light another candle)

One: And now we remember the story of how the angels
told the shepherds news of great joy.

**ALL: God's beloved child was born among us,
so that we could have joy deep in our hearts.**

One: We can feel joy because Jesus came to bring comfort, healing,
and new life to feed the hungry, lonely places within all of
God's beloved.

**ALL: May joy come alive once more in our hearts, shining bright
like a candle on the coldest, darkest winter day.**
(Light another candle)

One: God, you know that we do not always feel happy.
Sometimes we feel sad. Sometimes we are worried.
Sometimes we feel lonely.

**ALL: Touch us with your strong and joyful Spirit, we pray,
so that laughter, warmth, and delight may fill our hearts
and souls. Help your joy run deeper than all our sorrow,
as we know your gifts of new life today and always.
In the name of Jesus, joy to the world. Amen.**

CANDLE - LIGHTING HYMN: "Hope is a Star" VU #7 vs 1-3

THE TOUCH OF CHRISTMAS

By Phil & Lynne Brower, arr. David Maddux

Narrator: Lily Austin-Ward

Gloria

Love Came Down (Interlude 1)

Celebrate the Wonder

Shout the Glad Tidings

Christmas Is Dawning

Love Came Down (Interlude 2)

Noel, Sing Noel - featuring the Trivocals

Do You Hear the Music I Hear?

**Please join the choir and sing the carols on the screen.
The offering will be taken up during the singing of the carols.**

There's a Song in the Air

Starlight

Rise Up Shepherd - solo Rev. Max Ward

He Came Here for Me

Love Came Down (Interlude 3)

Love Came Down

Alleluia!

Gloria Finale

**Melissa and the choir want to wish you
God's Peace and Joy this Christmas.**

★ **SUNG BLESSING:** (VU #2 vs 3)
Born thy people to deliver; born a child and yet a king;
born to reign in us for ever; now thy gracious kingdom bring. ©

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE - Please stay seated for a time of prayer
and silent reflection.

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The Trustees of Highland Hills United Church have a responsibility to oversee the decisions being taken regarding property taken from Zion United Church.

A Committee has been formed to manage this responsibility, consisting of Joan Chapple, Ross McMullen and Max Ward, all Trustees. A fourth person, particularly familiar with Minden Church, will be added as an advisor to the committee regarding the Minden perspective as some Zion items are brought to and integrated into Minden.

This Committee will oversee and coordinate, working with other established groups. This is not to impede but to ensure decisions are made in a sensitive, efficient and responsible manner – understanding that all assets of both churches are the property of the United Church of Canada.

A Trustee will speak further to this process next Sunday.

Meanwhile, please consult Joan, Ross or Max before anything is removed from Zion.