

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2020 - 7:30PM

*Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols Service*

Prelude: "Bring A Torch, Jeannette, Isabelle" 17th C. Provençal Carol

*Approach to Worship*

Opening Sentences: "Zechariah's Prophecy" Luke 1:67-79

Call to Worship: Isaiah 9:2-7

Arise, shine, for your light has come!

**And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you!**

The people walking in darkness now have seen a great light.

**On those in the land of deep darkness light has dawned.**

For a child has been born to us. To us a son is given.

All authority rests upon his shoulders:

**He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Nations shall come to His light, kings to His bright star;  
**The LORD has risen; His glory now appears among us!**

Rejoicing, we proclaim the world's praises of Him;

**Lo, our King comes; He who called us out of darkness  
into his marvelous light!**

Hymn: *Oh come, all ye faithful*

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Prayer of Approach:

Come, anticipated Jesus,

**Come as hope.**

Come, foretold Jesus,

**Come as peace.**

Come, longed for Jesus,

**Come as joy.**

Come, predicted Jesus,

**Come as love.**

Come, awaited Jesus,

**Quiet as light.**

Come, expected Jesus,

**Come as king.**

Come, infant Jesus,

**Come as Lord.**

**All: Come; Arise, Shine, enter into our lives. Amen**

*Lighting of the Christ Candle*

Advent Liturgy and Lighting the Christ Candle See insert

Advent Hymn: *Hope is a star* <https://youtu.be/s4OnYjWaapc> 119



*Arise & Shine*  
*Christmas 2020*

ST. ANDREW'S  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A COMMUNITY LOVING GOD  
BY LOVING OUR NEIGHBOURS

*At St. Andrew's, Brampton, we:*

*learn together to know God's love through worship and study;  
put our faith into action by loving and caring for each other;  
use God's gifts to go forth to bring others to Christ.*

## Hearing the Word

Unison Prayer for Illumination: (See Readings below)

**Christmas God, who sent your Son to be the "Light of the world," may the glorious light of your Gospel shine in our hearts so that we may reflect your glory. Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

[https://youtu.be/5g\\_LxNwym-0](https://youtu.be/5g_LxNwym-0)

Second Reading: Luke 2:1-20

<https://youtu.be/PRM2UnqcZ2c>

Hymn: *Silent night*

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[https://youtu.be/kFHnRp\\_zIeE](https://youtu.be/kFHnRp_zIeE)

(Sung and led by the Senior Choir, featuring Sarah Loree – flute)

Third Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

<https://youtu.be/Auh4iiUpuXA>

Meditation: "A Glorious Light."

Rev. G. Ross

Christmas Reading: John 1:1-14, 16-17

<https://youtu.be/a8CT0EjLTo0>

## Response and Thanksgiving

Offering Announcement

The Doxology:

**We give thee but Thine own, what e'er the gift may be.  
All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

Prayer of Dedication

**Christmas God, whose Son – Emmanuel, God with us –  
Came to be the Light of the world, revealing your love for us;  
We pray, may our gifts, given freely, joyfully and in faith:  
reflect your glory and our gratitude, now and forever. Amen.**

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession: See insert

Lord's Prayer (*debts/debtors*)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in  
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us  
our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into  
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the  
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

## Departing

Hymn: *Joy to the world*

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Commission and Benediction:

As we leave, let us give thanks for the gift of God's light.  
**"Let us arise, shine, for our light has come;  
the glory of the Lord rises upon us."**

As a people in darkness we have seen a great light.  
**"Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world.  
Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness.'"**

Rejoicing, we proclaim the world's praises of Him;  
**"Lo, our King comes;  
He calls us out of darkness into his marvelous light!"**

This Christmas, may your good deeds praise God.  
**"As jewels of a crown, may we shine like stars in heaven."  
Amen.**

Postlude: "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" arr. A. Clark

<https://youtu.be/xFDcJQeu28E>

(played by the St. Andrew's Leap of Faith, Led by Shelagh Tyreman)

*May God bless you this Christmas and keep you in 2021.  
From the Ministers, Session & Staff of  
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church*



*Merry  
Christmas!*



## *In Worship This Evening*

Minister: Rev. Geoffrey M. Ross  
 Music Director: Shelagh Tyreman  
 Advent Reading: The Ross Family  
 Readers: Robyn Jarjour, Colin & June Young  
 Bill & Anna-Marie Dewar  
 Rev. Rosemary Doran  
 Technicians: Simpson Ross, Thomas Dewar  
 Peter Shepherd

### *Senior Choir*

#### **Soprano**

Mary Louise Duncan, Rosalind Cammidge, Mae MacDonald,  
 Barb McMechan-Woods, Annette Gayle, Heather Midgley,  
 Patricia Hewes, Geri Watt, Susan Jess, Elizabeth Waymann

#### **Alto**

Bonnie Bunkis, Karen Dunlop, Anna-Marie Dewar, Pam Loree

#### **Tenor**

Sandra Jackson, Ian Jess, Jim Convery

#### **Bass**

Thomas Dewar, Bill Dewar, Andy Bunkis, Kennedy Jackson,  
 John Collins, Ray Scanlan

### *Leap Of Faith*

**Violin:** Pam Loree 🌿 **Guitar:** Michelle Tedder, Nathan Woods  
**Clarinet:** May Jackson

**Flute:** Crystal Trauzzi, Sarah Loree, Andreas Moeschl

**Trombone:** Thomas Dewar 🌿 **Trumpet:** Justin Kelly-Boxe

**Baritone Horn:** Andy Bunkis 🌿 **Alto Sax:** Mary Louise Duncan

**Congas/Drum Kit:** Kennedy Jackson, Nathan Woods

**Percussion/Vibraphone:** Bonnie Bunkis

**Percussion:** Barb McMechan-Woods, Nathan Woods

**Euphonium:** Justin Kelly-Boxe

**Organ:** Ruth Kelly-Boxe 🌿 **Piano/Organ:** Shelagh Tyreman

**Readings for Christmas Eve: First Reading:** Isaiah 60:1-6  
 Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

**Second Reading:** Luke 2:1-20

About that time Emperor Augustus gave orders for the names of all the people to be listed in record books. These first records were made when Quirinius was governor of Syria. Everyone had to go to their own hometown to be listed. So Joseph had to leave Nazareth in Galilee and go to Bethlehem in Judea. Long ago Bethlehem had been King David's hometown, and Joseph went there because he was from David's family. Mary was engaged to Joseph and traveled with him to Bethlehem. She was soon going to have a baby, and while they were there, she gave birth to her first-born son. She dressed him in baby clothes and laid him on a bed of hay, because there was no room for them in the inn.

That night in the fields near Bethlehem some shepherds were guarding their sheep. All at once an angel came down to them from the Lord, and the brightness of the Lord's glory flashed around them. The shepherds were frightened. But the angel said, "Don't be afraid! I have good news for you, which will make

*everyone happy. This very day in King David's hometown a Savior was born for you. He is Christ the Lord. You will know who he is, because you will find him dressed in baby clothes and lying on a bed of hay."* Suddenly many other angels came down from heaven and joined in praising God. They said: *"Praise God in heaven! Peace on earth to everyone who pleases God."*

After the angels had left and gone back to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, *"Let's go to Bethlehem and see what the Lord has told us about."* They hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and they saw the baby lying on a bed of hay.

When the shepherds saw Jesus, they told his parents what the angel had said about him. Everyone listened and was surprised. But Mary kept thinking about all this and wondering what it meant. As the shepherds returned to their sheep, they were praising God and saying wonderful things about him. Everything they had seen and heard was just as the angel had said.

**Third Reading:** Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, *"Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage."*

When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, *"In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"*

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, *"Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."*

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

**Christmas Reading:** John 1:1-14, 16-17

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

(L: The Word of the Lord. R: *Thanks be to God.*)

### Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession:

Gracious God, on this Holy night  
your Son, our Saviour, was born a human child.  
Born to give the world hope.

**All: For your grace, we give you thanks.**

On this Holy night heaven's Son came down to earth,  
Left sapphire throne for flesh and bone,  
Entering a world in need of God's presence and peace.

**All: For your love, God for us, we give you thanks.**

On this Holy night Mary and Joseph,  
and the baby Jesus found shelter in a stable.  
Bless our homes and all whom we know with joy.

**All: For your Son, born to be with us, we give you thanks.**

On this Holy night your Christ  
came as a light shining in the darkness.  
Approach and comfort us by the light of your eternal love.

**All: Come God within us, bring to us your presence.**

On this Holy night shepherds heard your glad tidings:  
May this Good News change our lives, giving us the grace  
to live the Gospel of Christ in all that we do.

**All: Come Lord Jesus, Son of God, promise fulfilled.**

On this Holy night  
Christians the world over are celebrating His birth.  
Open our hearts that He may be born in us today.

**All: Come awaited Holy Child, transform our world.**

On this Holy night Jesus entered into this world,  
revealing for us the extent of your love and grace:  
move us to reach out to those you call us to love.

**All: Come, rule the world with grace and truth.**

On this Holy night when heaven and earth  
worshipped at the manger throne, we pray  
receive the prayers we have offered through  
Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray saying...

**LORD'S PRAYER:** (*Debts/Debtors*)

### Announcements for Thursday, Dec. 24, 2020

**Welcome to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church - Online!**  
We are glad that you chose to join us for worship today. We hope  
you will find our worship inspiring and our fellowship warm.

#### **Re-opening Date Postponed- Again!**

In light of the ongoing rise in COVID19 cases - and the Peel/Brampton  
region in lockdown, the **Session has regrettably decided to postpone  
In-Person Worship until further notice.** Sunday worship services will  
continue to be streamed online using Facebook Live from our  
sanctuary and posted on our website and YouTube page.

#### **2020 Christmas Offering Envelopes**

Your **2020 Christmas Offering Envelopes will be accepted up to  
January 3<sup>rd</sup>.** If you would like your Envelope picked up - or would like  
to drop it off at the Church - contact Rev. Geoff Ross (647-524-1870) or  
Kim Shepherd (Clerk of Session: 416-557-5001), or contact your Elder.

#### **Giving Online to St. Andrew's**

**Electronic Giving's:** We have a variety of online options for you to give  
to St. Andrew's. **First is the Online Donation page** on our website:  
<http://standrewsbrampton.ca/donatetoday/>. For those donating this  
way, you will receive your tax receipt from Canada Helps, not from  
the Church Please print and keep your own receipts. **Second is our  
new Interac e-Transfers.** Go to your banking website, select Interac e-  
Transfer, **use the email: [treasurer@standrewsbrampton.ca](mailto:treasurer@standrewsbrampton.ca) as the  
designation for your donation,** and enter the amount you wish to  
donate. **It is very important that in the message area: indicate your  
name, envelope number and how you want the donation  
distributed.**

#### **2021 Offering Envelopes**

The 2021 Offering Envelopes are here. Due to the current lockdown in  
Peel/Brampton, **the envelopes will not be delivered to you at this  
time.** The possibility of a pick-up date in January 2021 will be discussed  
at the next Session meeting.

#### **Upcoming Worship Services**

Rev. Wayne J. Baswick will be our guest preacher on Sun., December  
27<sup>th</sup> - the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas. The service will be on Facebook  
Live at 10:30, and then posted on the St. Andrew's website.

# Hymns for Christmas Eve 7:30pm Service

Christmas

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## Oh come, all ye faithful

ADESTE FIDELES Irregular

Descant

5. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap-py morn - ing:

G Am/G D/F# G D/F# G C G/D D (Em)

1. Oh come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant; oh  
 2. God of God, Light of light,  
 3. See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,  
 4. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion;  
 5. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap-py morn - ing;

Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry given;

Em 6 D A D G/B D/F# G D/A A7 D

come ye, oh come ye to Beth - le - hem.  
 born un - to Ma - ry, the vir - gin blest,  
 leav - ing their flocks draw nigh with ho - ly fear;  
 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove:  
 Je - sus, to thee be glo - ry given;

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Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

G/B Am 6 G Am7- 6 G D/F# G Em Am/C D

come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels:  
 ve - ry God, be - got - ten, not cre - at - ed:  
 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps:  
 "Glo - ry to God in the high - est!"  
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

French

1. Peuple fidèle! Ton Seigneur t'appelle:  
c'est fête sur terre, le Christ est né.  
Viens à la crèche, voir le Roi du monde:

Refrain:

en lui, viens reconnaître,  
en lui, viens reconnaître,  
ton Dieu, ton Sauveur!

2. Verbe, Lumière, et Splendeur du Père,  
il naît d'une mère, petit enfant;  
Dieu véritable, le Seigneur fait homme:  
Refrain:
3. Peuple, acclame, avec tous les anges,  
le Maître du monde qui vient chez nous,  
Dieu qui se donne à tous ceux qu'il aime:  
Refrain:

4. Peuple fidèle, en ce jour de fête,  
proclame la gloire de ton Seigneur.  
Dieu se fait homme; vois donc comme  
il t'aime:  
Refrain:

Latin

1. Adeste, fideles, laeti triumphantes,  
venite, venite, in Bethlehem;  
natum videte regem angelorum:

Refrain:

Venite, adoremus,  
venite, adoremus,  
venite, adoremus  
Dominum.

2. Deum de Deo, Lumen de Lumine,  
parturit virgo mater;  
Deum verum, genitum, non factum:  
Refrain:
3. Cantet nunc hymnos chorus  
angelorum;  
cantet nunc aula caelestium:  
gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Refrain:
4. En grege relicto, humiles ad cunas  
vocati pastores appropriant;  
et nos ovanti gradu festinemus:  
Refrain:
5. Ergo qui natus die hodierna,  
Jesu, tibi sit gloria:  
Patris aeterni verbum caro factum:  
Refrain:

Refrain

Oh come, oh come,

G D/F# G D7/A G D/F#

Oh come, let us a - dore him; oh come, let us a - dore him;

oh come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

G D7/A G D A7/E D /C G/B C G/D D G

oh come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

**French Refrain**  
 en lui, viens reconnaître  
 en lui, viens reconnaître  
 en lui, viens reconnaître  
 ton Dieu, ton Sauveur!

**Latin Refrain**  
 venite, adoremus,  
 venite, adoremus,  
 venite, adoremus  
 Dominum.

Hope is a star

MOON BEAMS Irregular

Unison

C Em F Em

1. Hope is a star that shines in the night,  
 2. Peace is a rib - bon that cir - cles the earth,  
 3. Joy is a song that wel - comes the dawn,  
 4. Love is a flame that burns in our heart.

F C Dm /E Fmaj7 Gsus G

lead - ing us on till the morn - ing is bright.  
 giv - ing a prom - ise of safe - ty and worth.  
 tell - ing the world that the Sav - iour is born.  
 Je - sus has come and will nev - er de - part.

Refrain Am /G F G (F/A G/B) C Am F

When God is a child there's joy in our song. The last shall be first

G (Am7 G7/B) C Am /G F Dm7 C

and the weak shall be strong, and none shall be a - fraid.

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Silent night

STILLE NACHT Irregular

B $\flat$  F7

1. Si - lent night! ho - ly night! All is calm,  
 2. Si - lent night! ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake  
 3. Si - lent night! ho - ly night! Son of God,  
 1. Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft,

B $\flat$  E $\flat$  B $\flat$

all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child,  
 at the sight: glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,  
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,  
 ein - sam wacht nur das trau - te hoch - hei - li - ge Paar.

E $\flat$  B $\flat$  F7

ho - ly in - fant so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly  
 heav - en - ly hosts sing "Hal - le - lu - jah, Christ, the Sav - iour is  
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy  
 Hol - der Kna - be im lok - ki - gen Haar, schlaf in himm - lisch - er

B $\flat$  F6 7 B $\flat$

peace; sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
 born! Christ, the Sav - iour is born!"  
 birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.  
 Ruh', schlaf in himm - lisch - er Ruh'.

Hungarian

1. Csendes éj, szentséges éj!  
 Mindenek nyugta mély;  
 Nincs fenn más, csak a szent szüle pár,  
 Drága kisdednük álmainál.  
 Szent Fiú aludjál,  
 Szent Fiú aludjál!
2. Csendes éj, szentséges éj!  
 Angyalok hangja kél;  
 Halld a mennyei halleluját,  
 Szerte zengi e drága szavát:  
 Krisztus megszabadít,  
 Krisztus megszabadít!
3. Csendes éj, Szentséges éj!  
 Szív örülj, higj, remélj  
 Isten szent Fia hinti reád  
 Ajka vigaszadó mosolyát!  
 Krisztus megszületett,  
 Krisztus megszületett!

Chinese (Mandarin)

Píng ān yè! Shèng shàn yè!  
 Zhèn níng jìng, zhèn guāng míng,  
 Guāng huī huán zhào shèng mǔ shèng yīng,  
 Shèng jié yīng hái Chún zhēn kě ài,  
 Jìng xiǎng tiān cǐ ān mián,  
 Jìng xiǎng tiān cǐ ān mián.

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# Joy to the world

ANTIOCH 8 6 8 6 CM with repeat

D A7/E D/F# Em/G D/A A 7 D D/F# G Em

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -  
 2. Joy to the earth! the Sav - iour reigns: let us our  
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -  
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

A 7 D (GD D) (GD D)

ceive its King; let eve - ry heart pre - pare him  
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and  
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings  
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous -

/F# Em/G A

room and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
 plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

Tenor and bass v.1 And heaven and na-ture sing (Bass), and

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A7/C# A7 /G D/F# (aug) G A Bm Em/G D/A A 7 D

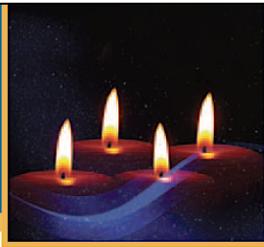
sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing (Similarly for vv 2, 3 & 4)

## Korean

1. Kee-pu-daw koo-joo oh-shut-neh  
 mawn pek-sung maw-jaw-raw  
 Ohn kyo-hweh yuh taw il-uh-naw  
 Taw chawn-yawng haw-yuh-raw  
 Taw chawn-yawng haw-yuh-raw  
 Taw chawn-yawng chawn-yawng haw-yuh-raw
2. Koo-seh-joo tawn-seng hess-u-nee  
 taw chawn-yawng haw-yuh-raw  
 Ee seh-sawng-eh mawn-mool-dul-aw  
 Taw hwaw-dawp haw-yuh-raw  
 Taw hwaw-dawp haw-yuh-raw  
 Taw hwaw-dawp hwaw-dawp haw-yuh-raw
3. Ohn seh-sawng chweh-rul saw-haw-ruh  
 choo yeh-soo oh-shut-neh  
 Chweh wah sul-poom moo-raw-neh-goh  
 Taw koo-wun haw-shi-neh  
 Taw koo-wun haw-shi-heh  
 Taw koo-wun koo-wun haw-shi-neh
4. Un-heh wah chill-lee tweh-shin joo  
 taw choo-gwahn haw-shi-nee  
 Mahn-gook pek-sung koo-joo aw-peh  
 Taw kyung-beh haw-yuh-raw  
 Taw kyung-beh haw-yuh-raw  
 Taw kyung-beh haw-yuh-raw  
 Taw kyung-beh kyung-beh haw-yuh-raw

# The Christ Candle



Written by the Rev. Kristine O'Brien  
(Director of Crieff Hills)

- L: Behold, I bring you good news of great joy;  
for to you is born in the city of David  
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord!
- P: **Jesus has arrived in grace and mystery,  
renewing faded hopes  
and announcing peace to a weary world.**
- L: Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom God favours!
- P: **Jesus comes among us in power and glory,  
inspiring joy and calling us to lives that are full of God's love.**
- L: Jesus, the light of the world, is born.

- P: **Let Christ's light shine  
in the darkest corners of our lives.  
Let Christ's light shine  
in the darkest corners of our world.  
God is with us.**

*(The candle is lit)*

- L: Let us pray:
- P: **God of grace and glory,  
as we celebrate this Christmas,  
transform our hearts and our lives  
so that your Good News  
is not an old story  
but a fresh truth lived out every day  
through the power of Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**



# Christ is Born!

Our church, through  
Presbyterian World Service & Development,  
is faithfully responding to God's call to help those in need.

Inspired by God's promise of abundant life, our church responds to the call to walk with and serve those in need. With compassion, justice and love, through PWS&D, we are working to assist the most vulnerable and marginalized.

We are responding to poverty, injustice, oppression and disasters around the world. Together we walk hand-in-hand with the hungry and sick, those confronted by prejudice, the persecuted and those affected by conflict and violence.

We are helping to restore human dignity, ease the pain of want, promote self-help and encourage community cooperation to benefit all.

As we celebrate Christ's birth, let us be reminded to stand in solidarity with those facing adversity. Without your support and your voice, this vital work would not be possible!

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