

December 21, 2025, 10:30

Lessons & Carols

Welcome to our community as we worship together.

Bienvenue à l'Église Summerlea. Venez nous rejoindre pour les rafraîchissements dans la salle de l'église ce matin, après le service.

Please join us for fellowship hour in the church hall following the service.

There are no visitors here, for we are all part of the family of God.

Summerlea United Church is located on land that has long served as a site of meeting and exchange amongst Indigenous peoples and nations. We honor, recognize, and respect these nations as the traditional stewards of the lands and waters on which we meet today.

We Gather as God's People

Prelude

Introit *"Hark the Glad Sound"*

VU 29

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Centering

Let us prepare ourselves to come to God

Lighting of the fourth candle of Love

One: O God, source of Eternal love. You are the beginning of all Joy, the accomplisher of all Peace, and the source of all Hope.

All: On this Christmas Sunday may we be aware that you have come to us, and to continue to come to us daily.

One: Break all of our assumptions that we may find the Wonder and the Awe of your love in every breath we take.

All: We pray in the name of Immanuel – God with us – Love eternal. Amen.

Musical Response *"A Candle is Burning"*

VU 6, verse 4

Lighting of the Hanukkah Candles

Call to Worship

Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given. And his name shall be called

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace

Once again, the earth is surprised at a manger, as the Glory of God transforms the commonplace.

Let us go to Bethlehem to see what God has made known to us.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth.

Let us bring glory and praise to God for all that we have seen and heard.

Opening Hymn “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

VU 60

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, in the story of Advent, we hear again your promises for the world. You promise a world full of peace yet we often feel there are too many obstacles to make it happen. You promise hope, yet we feel tomorrow will have the same problems as today. You promise love, yet our loving is sometimes reserved only for a few. Forgive us when we lack trust in you. Help us to trust in the new life you are coming to bring. Help us to walk again your paths of righteousness.

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn “Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

VU 36

We Listen to the Word of God

Scripture Reader: Brian Maklan

Isaiah 7:10-16

Psalm 80; Part One (1-7, 18-19), VU 794

Matthew 1:18-24

Lessons and Carols

Reading: Matthew 1:18-23

Leslie McEwen

Hymn: (*seated*) “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

VU 44, Verses 1, 3 & 4

Reading: Luke 2: 1-7

Leslie McEwen

Hymn: (*seated*) “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

VU 64

Reading: Luke 2: 6-9, 13-14, &
John 1:14 & Psalm 46:10

Mel Cockhill

Hymn: (*seated*) “Silent Night”

VU 67

Reading: Luke 2:8-20

Barbara Costello

Hymn: (*seated*) “While Shepherds Watched”

VU 75

Reading: Psalm 98: 4-6, &
Luke 2:10-11

Barbara Costello

Hymn “Joy to the World”

VU 59, Vs. 1,4

We Respond to God’s Word

Anthem “Is There Room at the Manger for Me?”

Offertory

Offertory Dedication

God of every good and perfect gift, we thank you for the gift of Emmanuel, God-with-us! Please receive and multiply these gifts, which we gladly offer for your kingdom purposes. Use them to meet the needs of this congregation, to alleviate the practical pressures in our local communities, and to bring your good news of great joy to all peoples. Amen

Hymn of Dedication:**VU 81, Verse 3**

As they offered gifts most rare,
at the manger crude and bare.
So may we with Holy joy, pure and free from sins alloy.
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ to you, our Heavenly King.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**Hymn** *"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"***VU 48****Commissioning and Benediction****Threefold Amen****Postlude**