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Our Mission as a congregation: *Love the Lord Your God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence and energy and love your neighbour as yourself. (Mark 12:19-21 MSG)*

December 28, 2025- First Sunday after Christmas

GOD BRINGS US TOGETHER

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: (O Come, O Come Emmanuel Vs 5)

*O come, O Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel*

Call to Worship (responsive from Psalm 96:11,13)

Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice,
for the Lord comes to judge the earth,
to judge the world with justice
and the nations with truth.

Prayer of Approach (responsive)

Eternal God,
in Jesus your light shines in the darkness,
giving joy in sorrow and comfort in loneliness.
Fill us with the mystery of your Word made flesh,
until our hearts overflow with praise and joy,
so we might live and serve and be your people in the world, Amen.

Hymn: 35 VU *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

Children's Time

Sacrament of Holy Baptism and Lord's Prayer

Hymn Sing

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH SCRIPTURE

Responsive Reading: Psalm 98 (p. 818 VU)

First Lesson: Isaiah 62:6-12

Second Lesson: Titus 3:4-7

Gospel: John 1:1-14

Anthem

Sermon "A Word at Christmas"

GOD CALLS US TO RESPOND

Hymn: 43 VU *Go, Tell it on the Mountain*

Offering Invitation and Prayer

Offertory Response (In the Bleak Midwinter 55 VU verse 4)

*What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him - give my heart.*

Prayers of the People

Hymn: 45 VU *Joy is Now in Every Place*

Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Benediction (Glory to God in 124 MV)

*Glory to God in the highest and peace to God's people on earth.
Glory to God in the highest and peace to God's people on earth.*

Postlude

A warm welcome to everyone joining us for worship. May this time help you draw to closer to God and your neighbour. We recognize that we gather in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People, and we seek to be good neighbours to the First Nations.

This morning we welcome to the church through the sacrament of baptism *Cade Robert Messier* child of Robyn (Scott) and Vincent Messier.

Greeting at the Door this morning is Chad Brazier

There is no Children's Worship this Sunday.

Coffee Hosts are Sheryl Chapman and Barb Gardiner

Scripture for Next Sunday

Isaiah 60:1-6 • Ephesians 3:1-12 • Matthew 2:1-12