



ST. JAMES UNITED
CHURCH

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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 24, 2016- Christmas Eve

GOD BRINGS US TOGETHER

Prelude *A Selection of Carols*

Welcome

Call to Worship (responsive from Isaiah 9:6)

A child has been born for us, a son given to us;

authority rests upon his shoulder,

and he is named: Wonderful Counselor,

Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Hymn: 60 VU O Come, All Ye Faithful

Opening Prayer (together)

God of grace, on this holy night

draw us into the mystery of your love.

Join our voices with the heavenly host

that we may sing your glory on high.

Give us a place among the shepherds

that we may find the one for whom we have waited,

and allow us with Mary and Joseph to receive into our lives

your great gift of a Savior born in Bethlehem, Amen.

Anthem: *A Christmas Carol*

Ron and Matthew Johnson

TO HEAR THE PROMISE

Old Testament: Isaiah 9:2-7

Billy Polson

Hymn: 64 VU O Little Town of Bethlehem

Lighting of the Advent Candles (together)

God of love, as you came at night when all was still, so enter our lives this night. Illuminate our paths with the light of Christ's presence, that we may clearly see the way before us, the truth to speak, and the

life to live as your people. Amen

OF SALVATION THROUGH THE BIRTH

Gospel: Luke 2:1-7

Ben Polson

Hymn: 67 VU Silent Night

Gospel: Luke 2: 8-20

Anthem: *O Holy Night*

Alistair Hamilton

Sheumais MacLeod

Gospel: Titus 2:11-14

Harley MacCaull

A Christmas Story

OF JESUS CHRIST THE LORD

Hymn: 38 VU Angels, We have Heard on High

Offertory

Dedication of the Offering

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.

Anthem: *Were You There on that Christmas Night*

(Natalie Sleeth)

Prayers of the People at Christmas

Hymn: 59 VU Joy to the World

Benediction

Postlude

This evening's bulletin is dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of Douglas Adams by his family.

This evening's bulletin is dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sheila Marie Polson by Billy, Diane and family.

A Community Christmas dinner will be held in the hall at St. James United Church, Main Street, Antigonish at 2pm on Christmas Day.

Anyone who is looking for a place to go on Christmas Day is welcome to join us as we celebrate the holiday season and share a wonderful meal cooked with love. If you would like more information, please call Carolyn at 902-863-0492 or email webberenglish@gmail.com

The end of the calendar year is quickly coming. Thursday, Dec 29th will be the final date for donations to be received and credited for the 2016 income tax year at St. James.