



**TRINITY UNITED CHURCH  
ADVENT 4 "Love"  
Sunday December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Today's bulletin is dedicated by Heather McKercher in loving memory of her dad, Jim McKercher who passed away December 18, 1997.



**HYMN SING (HUM)**

**SONG LEADERS:** Karen Brophy, Frances D'Andrea

**PERCUSSION:** Chris Clarke, Peggy Millar

VU 71 "Twas in the Moon of Wintertime"

VU 38 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

VU 73 "The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy"

**WE APPROACH GOD**

**WELCOME:**

**MINUTE FOR NOMINATION & REFLECTION ON DESSERT  
AUCTION:**

**INTRODUCTION:**

**LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE:** "Love "

Rozicki & Rose Families



**CANDLE LIGHTING SONG:** " Hope is a Star"

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**



**HYMN:** "Dreaming Mary" -Karen Brophey MV 134

**SEASONAL STORY:** "The Nativity"

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S STORY**

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Luke 1: 26-38

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**MEDITATION:** “Leaping, Heart-First”



**CHOIR ANTHEM:** “ Blessed Are You”

Lyrics: Charlotte Lee

Music: Douglas E. Wagner

From: And Glory Shone Around

**WE CELEBRATE THE STORY**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** (including The Lord’s Prayer)

**WE GO OUT TO LIVE THE STORY**



**CLOSING HYMN:**

“While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks” VU 75

**BLESSING**



**SUNG BENEDICTION:**

“See amid the Winter’s Snow” VU 76 vs 5



**POSTLUDE:** ‘In Excelsis Deo’

Based on Trad. French Carol Arr. L. Ellis

**Thank you to all those who helped with today's service!**

Lay Leader:

Soloist: Karen Brophrey

Tech Team: Eve Harrison, Michael Miller, Rowan MacDonald, Marcel MacDonald, Lisa Blais, John Roberts

*Trinity United Church gathers on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe peoples of Nipissing First Nations. We acknowledge with respect their history, their spiritual practices and their stewardship of this land.*

## **Upcoming Services**

***Longest Night Service*** - Monday December 21st, 7 pm

A quiet, contemplative, and deeply moving worship service shared by St. Andrew's & Trinity on the evening of the winter solstice. It is an opportunity to take pause to acknowledge our concerns and to contemplate the hopes, fears, and prayers of the season.

**Christmas Eve Service - Thursday December 24th, 4 pm and 7 pm (including the Sunday School Virtual Christmas Pageant)**

There will be two identical Christmas eve services for those joining us for in person worship. The 4 pm service will also be available livestreamed and uploaded to YouTube to watch at any time you wish. We ask that if you have visitors from out of town joining you this year, that you stay home and join us online for worship. You can grab a nice cup of hot chocolate, coffee, tea and enjoy the service from the comfort of your own home :)

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## HYMN LYRICS

### **The Huron Carol (VU 71)**

1. 'Twas in the moon of wintertime,  
when all the birds had fled,  
that mighty Gitchi Manitou  
sent angel choirs instead;  
before their light the stars grew dim,  
and wandering hunters heard the hymn:

Refrain:

Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born,  
In excelsis gloria.

2. Within a lodge of broken bark  
the tender Babe was found;  
a ragged robe of rabbit skin  
enwrapped his beauty round,  
but, as the hunter braves drew nigh,  
the angel song rang loud and high:

3. The earliest moon of wintertime  
is not so round and fair  
as was the ring of glory on  
the helpless infant there.  
The chiefs from far before him knelt  
with gifts of fox and beaver pelt.

4. O children of the forest free,  
the kin of Manitou,  
the holy child of earth and heaven  
is born today for you.  
Come kneel before the radiant boy,  
who brings you beauty, peace and joy.

## **Angels We Have Heard on High (VU 38)**

1 Angels we have heard on high  
sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply,  
echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain:

Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
which inspire your heavenly song? [Refrain]

3 Come to Bethlehem and see  
Christ whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee  
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. [Refrain]

4 See him in a manger laid,  
whom the choirs of angels praise;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,  
while our hearts in love we raise. [Refrain]

## **The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy**

1 The virgin Mary had a baby boy,  
the virgin Mary had a baby boy,  
the virgin Mary had a baby boy,  
and they say that his name is Jesus.

Refrain:

He come from the glory,  
he come from the glorious kingdom.  
He come from the glory,  
he come from the glorious kingdom.

O yes! believer!  
 O yes! believer!  
 He come from the glory,  
 he come from the glorious kingdom.

2 The angels sang when the baby born,  
 the angels sang when the baby born,  
 the angels sang when the baby born,  
 and they say that his name is Jesus. [Refrain]

3 The shepherds came where the baby born,  
 the shepherds came where the baby born,  
 the shepherds came where the baby born,  
 and they say his name is Jesus. [Refrain]

### **Hope is a Star (VU 7)**

Love is a flame that burns in our heart.  
 Jesus has come and will never depart. (Refrain)

Refrain:

When God is a child  
 there's joy in our song.  
 The last shall be first  
 and the weak shall be strong,  
 and none shall be afraid.

### **While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks (VU 75)**

1 While shepherds watched their flocks by night  
 all seated on the ground,  
 the angel of the Lord came down,  
 and glory shone around.

2 "Fear not," said he, for mighty dread  
 had seized their troubled mind;  
 "glad tidings of great joy I bring  
 to you and humankind.

3 "To you, in David's town this day  
is born of David's line  
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;  
and this shall be the sign:

4 "The heavenly babe you there shall find  
to human view displayed,  
all meanly wrapped in swathing bands,  
and in a manger laid."

5 Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith  
appeared a shining throng  
of angels praising God, who thus  
addressed their joyful song:

6 "All glory be to God on high,  
and on earth be peace;  
good will to all from highest heaven  
begin and never cease."

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