

Assisting Tonight - Welcoming Team:

Lead – Chris Monk *Lower Hall* – Karen Monk

Elevator – Doug Hitchcock *Communion* – Cathy & Doug

Hitchcock *Balcony* - Closed

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Thank you this Christmas Eve to our guest organist Robin Dalglish.

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**Christmas Eve
December 24, 2018 10:30 PM**



Inviting and welcoming all people into a growing relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

Serving God and our neighbours in the local community and the wider world.

Order of Service

Prelude

- Standing for all who are able
- **Call to Worship (Responsively)** from Isaiah 9

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

All: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined.

Leader: Jesus Christ is our life and our light.

All: In his Name and in his power; let us worship God!

Prayer of Approach and Confession (minister), followed by the Lord's Prayer (all):

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

- Carol 60 *O Come All Ye Faithful*

Lighting of the Christ Candle – Cathy Hitchcock, John Collins

Offering

Offertory

- **Presentation of Offerings**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:1-20

- Carol 62 *Once in Royal David's City*

Sermon: He Came as a Child
Luke 2:12

"This will be a sign for you; you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." Luke 2:12

Anthem *God Rest You Merry, Gentleman* arr. D. Willcocks

- The Apostles' Creed p. 918

Invitation to Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Distribution of the Elements – Worshipers are invited to come forward by rows as indicated by attendants

Prayer After Communion (in unison):

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and our Father, we give You thanks. In the fullness of time you sent forth your Son to be our Saviour, to overcome our fears by the power of Your love. In Word and Sacrament we have received Christ and know that your promises are true. Send us forth to live in hope and peace, to proclaim and to live the good news of God with us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- Carol 67 *Silent Night, Holy Night*

- Benediction

Moment for Reflection

Postlude

