



An Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Canada

2011 December 24

4:00PM

Christmas Eve



Statement of Welcome and Inclusion

In response to God's call, we, the congregation of Robertson-Wesley United Church declare our commitment to opening our hearts and our church family to all people in our community, regardless of sexual orientation, age, gender, differing abilities, ethnicity, or economic circumstance. We recognize that many people's lives continue to be devastated by hatred, prejudice, and inequality, therefore, as a compassionate and caring spiritual community we will stand with those who are adversely affected by injustice, alienation and oppression.

May our wreath and worship tonight help us remember
Christmas all year long.

**May our memories of this Holy Night be with us all year
long. Amen!**

God's Holy Word

Scripture: Luke 2:1-20

Anthem: *Would You Like to Hold the Baby* Words and Music: Joyce Poley

Hymn: *Away in a Manger* **Voices United 69 vrs 1 & 2**

Poem: "The best gift of all"

Hymn: *Angels We Have Heard on High* **Voices United 38 vrs 1 & 4**

Storytime

Hymn: *Silent Night* **Voices United 67 vrs 1&2**

Grateful Response

Offering: *Arabesque*, Claude Debussy

Offertory Hymn (*Voices United 55 v 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.**

Poem: The Gift He Gave

We bring our gifts of praise to that sweet babe at Christmastime..

The Peace (*standing*): *We greet the people near us
with gestures of peace and words such as...*

May the peace of Christ, our Emmanuel be with you.

And also with you.

Hymn: *Joy to the World* **Voices United 59 vrs 1&4**

Benediction


Postlude: *Christmas Medley*, Various Composers

Worship Thanks

Today's head ushers are Heather & Brad Warkentin
Pianist: Henry Mokken

Minister of Spiritual Development: Rev. Jim Allan
Minister of Congregation and Community Development: Rev. Karen Bridges
Director of Music: Tammy-Jo Mortensen
Office Administrator: Tanya Eckenswiller
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*God's blessing be upon you all,
this holy night and forevermore.*