



# FAIRLAWN

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**Fairlawn Avenue United Church  
Wednesday, December 24, 2025 4:00pm  
Christmas Eve Family Service**

Rev. Dr. Cameron Watts  
Eleanor Daley, Director of Music

Carol Leaders:  
Miranda Crabtree, Kevin Doe,  
Andrea Huibrechtse-Berndorff,  
Don Smith and Nathalie Smith

Readers:  
Jessica Baugniet,  
Charlotte Baugniet,  
Abby Lang

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\*Indicates when the congregation is to stand, as able.

Congregational responses, singing and readings in unison are indicated in bold text.

## Welcome and Acknowledgement

**\*Opening Carol** O Come, All Ye Faithful

VU #60 (verses 1, 2, 3 and 5)

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem:  
come and behold him, born the King of angels,  
*O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord.***

**God of God, light of light,  
lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb,  
very God, begotten, not created:  
*O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord.***

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
glory to God in the highest:  
*O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord.***

**Yes, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:  
*O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord.***

## The Story

**Scripture**

Luke 2:1-7a (NRSV)

Reader: Charlotte Baugniet

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

Lighter: Charlotte Baugniet

**\*Carol**

Away in a Manger

VU #69

**Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

**The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love you, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,  
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.**

**Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay  
close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,  
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.**

**Scripture**

Luke 2:7b-20 (NRSV)

Reader: Charlotte Baugniet

**A Baby?!?!?!?****\*Carol**

What Child is This

VU #74

**What child is this, who laid to rest,  
on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
while shepherds watch are keeping?  
*This, this is Christ the King,  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud,  
the Babe, the Son of Mary!***

**Why lies he in such mean estate  
where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here  
the silent Word is pleading.**

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*This, this is Christ the King,  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud,  
the Babe, the Son of Mary!*

So, bring him incense, gold and myrrh;  
come, one and all, to own him.  
The King of Kings salvation brings;  
let loving hearts enthrone him.  
*This, this is Christ the King,  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud,  
the Babe, the Son of Mary!*

**Reflection**

Strips of Cloth

Rev. Dr. Cameron Watts

**\*Carol**

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

VU #48

**Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King,  
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
with th' angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

**Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th' incarnate deity,  
pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

**Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

**Book Reading** A Grateful Winter

Written by: Angela Kohler

Reader: Jessica Baugniet

**Introduction of the Offering**

## The Offertory

### \*Presentation of the Offering

VU #55 (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.**

### \*Carol

Joy to the World

VU # 59 (verses 1 and 2)

**Joy to the world! The Lord is come:  
Let earth receive her King!  
Let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**

**Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns:  
let all their songs employ.  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

### Responsive Christmas Confession<sup>[1]</sup> They Have Heard it on the Hills

Leader: Abby Lang

Leader: They have heard it on the hills,  
they have heard it in the streets;  
the rumour prevails,  
and none can contradict it.

All: ***Some are looking up the Prophets,  
some are studying the skies,  
others speculate, calculate,  
but how to deny?***

Leader: Some are dancing back to sheepfolds,  
some are traveling foreign roads,  
some await more information,  
others celebrate the news.

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All: *In a foreign place,  
a ruler has imposed a new tax;  
In a hilly place,  
an old woman suckles her new son,  
in a royal place,  
an old ruler senses a new threat,  
in a busy place,  
a young couple cope with their new child.*

*At what seems the wrong time,  
in what seems the wrong place,  
among those who seem the wrong people,  
The Holy One has decided  
to bless,  
disturb,  
and visit us.*

\*Carol Joy to the World

VU # 59 (verses 3 and 4)

**No more let sin and sorrows grow,  
nor thorns infest the ground:  
he comes to make his blessings flow  
far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found.**

**He rules the earth with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.**

\*Sending Out

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