

# **ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH**



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**December 24th, 2021**

**Christmas Eve**

## **Proclamation - (Isaiah 7: 14)**

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.

## **Processional Hymn - O Come, O Come Emmanuel**

### **Lighting of the Christ Candle**

When the world seems predictable  
Stuck in patterns of injustice and hurt  
The Holy astonishes us with good news  
And we find Awe  
(Christ candle is lit)

Where in the world do we know Awe these days?

### **Opening Prayer**

God of light and love,  
shine upon us this Christmas Eve  
and in the year ahead. Guide us out of darkness  
and into your joyous light.  
May our lives reflect your glorious love,  
that others may see your Christmas Spirit in us, each and  
every day of our lives. Amen

## Telling the Story in Song and Scripture

### **The First Noel**

Luke 2:4-5

### **O Little Town of Bethlehem**

Read Luke 2:6-7

### **Away in a Manger**

(Place Baby in Manger)

Luke 2:8-14

### **Hark the Herald Angels Sing**

Luke 2:15-20

### **O Holy Night - Solo/Video?**

### **Reflection**

### **Benediction**

Go forth into the night that not all find holy. May your light be your witness to what you have seen and experienced here in the presence of God. May your travel home still be a continuing act of worship. Be alert for ways to heal, to encourage, and to bless. And to all, a joyous Christmas night. May the blessing of God brighten your path; may

the blessings of Jesus bring you peace; and may the Holy Spirit guide your way into joyous life. Amen!

(Placing the babe in the manger & Light flashlights)

**Closing Hymn - Silent Night** (please stay in your seats)



**For the safety of our community of Faith and the community at large, The Board has made the difficult decision that St. Andrew's will go back to online services starting this Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup> until the end of January 2022. With the new variant and a significant uptick in cases locally, it is the safest decision to make. This will hopefully allow everyone time to get boosters, vaccinations etc.**