

St. John's United Church
December 28th, 2025
First Sunday after Christmas
Worship Leader – Rev. Sungsoon Park

WELCOME

Greetings, welcoming newcomers, announcements, prayer concerns and celebrations.

We are looking for more choir members and musicians.

If you're interested, please join us.

CENTERING SONG MV # 12 Come Touch Our Hearts vs. 1

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

We light the Christ candle as an act of hope.

Christ's light is God's love made flesh, breaking into the world.

Even in the mysterious darkness,

The healing power of Christ's light moves along roads, rivers, nerves,

and deep within silent places.

Christ is here to bring light to those in darkness and to guide our footsteps into the way of peace.

O Christ, come and make us whole. Amen.

The Christ candle is lit.

CALL TO WORSHIP

We welcome a new year.

O God, light up our way.

We face anxieties and fear.

O God, be light in our darkness.

We remember the troubled ones among family and friends.

O God, be the warm light of support.

In the world, there is abuse, poverty, and fear.

O God, we will bring light to the dark places.

We will journey and venture as a faith community.

O God, your light will lead us forward.

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This Week: December 28th, 2025

Worship Leader: Rev. Sungsoon Park

Greeters: Jean Antoniuk & Marjorie Matthews

Scripture: Donna Worden

Fellowship: Doris Ulanicki & Bev Bowers

Next Week: January 4th, 2025

Worship Leader: Rev. Sungsoon Park

Greeters: Jeannette Poulin & Eileen Schmidt

Scripture: Bob McRae

Fellowship: Pat Wood & Rita Goodheart

HYMN VU # 91 The First Noel

COMMISSIONING

Go into the world, carried by the love of God.

We go, trusting in God's steadfast mercy.

Remember that Christ is not ashamed to call you family.

We will live as siblings in love and justice.

Join your voices with all creation in praise.

We will bless the Lord in word and deed.

Go, guided by the Spirit, to serve and to protect life.

We go in peace, to love and serve the Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION HYMN

Go Now in Peace

Go now in Peace, never be afraid;

God will go with you, each hour of every day.

**Go now in Faith, steadfast, strong and true,
know he will guide you in all you do.**

**Go now in Love, and show you believe,
reach out to others, so all the world can see.**

God will be there, watching from above.

Go now, in Peace, in Faith and in Love.

Amen, Amen, Amen

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you

And also with you.

CHILDREN'S TIME

OPENING PRAYER

We gather to remember the steadfast love of the Lord,

And to praise God for all God has done for us.

We remember your mercy, O God, and your compassion that never fails.

You have claimed us as your children;

You have shared our suffering and borne our pain.

In every distress, you are with us;

Your love and presence save us.

Let heaven and earth join our prayer.

With all creation, we rise to praise your holy name. Amen.

OPENING HYMN VU # 74 What Child is This

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of steadfast love, you have drawn near to us in Christ,
yet we confess that we often turn away.

We forget your mercy and neglect your compassion.

You call us siblings of Christ,

but we fail to live as family to one another.

**We close our hearts to those who suffer,
and we are silent in the face of injustice.**

Forgive us when fear rules our choices,
as it once ruled rulers who harmed the innocent.

Deliver us from sin and restore us by your grace.

Hear our confession, O God.

Renew us in your mercy. Amen.

WORD OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news:

God did not stand far off from human pain.

In Jesus Christ, God shared our flesh and blood.

Christ suffered, was tested, and overcame,
so that he might help those who suffer.

We are not abandoned; we are redeemed.

In love, God lifts us and carries us all our days.

Thanks be to God! We are forgiven and made new. Amen.

HYMN MV # 158 Dream a Dream

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

DEDICATION SONG VU # 537 Your Work, O God

Your work, O God, needs many hands to help you everywhere,
and some there are who cannot serve unless our gifts we share.

Because we love you and your work, our offering now we make:
be pleased to use it as your own, we ask for Jesus' sake.

DEDICATION PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 26:1-6, 12-22 pg. 26, 27

Matthew 2:13-23 pg. 4, 5

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 148 VU pg. 871, 872

Refrain: Let the whole creation cry, "Glory be to God on high."

Praise God from the heavens; give praise in the heights! Give praise,
all you angels; praise God, all you hosts!

**Praise God, sun and moon; give praise, stars and lights! Praise
God, farthest heavens, and all waters beyond heaven!**

Refrain: Let the whole creation cry, "Glory be to God on high."

Let all things praise the Holuyu One at whose command they were
created, who established them for all time, setting bounds, which
cannot be passed.

**Praise God from the earth, great sea creatures and ocean depths,
lightning and hail, snow and frost, gales that obey God's decree,
all mountains and hills, all fruit trees and cedars, wild animals and
cattle, creatures winged and earth bound,
sovereigns who rule earth and its people, all who govern and
judge this world, young men and women alike, old people and
children together!**

Refrain: Let the whole creation cry, "Glory be to God on high."

Let all things praise the name of God, the name above every other,
whose splendor covers heaven and earth.

**You give strength to your people, songs of praise to your faithful,
to Israel, the people dear to your heart.**

Refrain: Let the whole creation cry, "Glory be to God on high."

SERMON Reflection