

***Responsive Call to Worship:**

John Nelson

Leader: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb of God.

Congregation: He brought me to the banqueting house, and his intention toward me was love.

Leader: The advent of Jesus is at hand.

Congregation: Alleluia! Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

***Prayer**

Leader: Welcome in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

***Welcoming One Another**

We Approach God

***Hymn of Praise** “Sing We Now of Christmas”

With all the visuals and singing today, we encourage adults with children help them read, sing, and watch and take part in everything. There are clipboards and paper available.

**Sing we now of Christmas, Noël, sing we here!
Listen to our praises to the babe so dear.**

Refrain:

**Sing we Noël, the King is born, Noël!
Sing we now of Christmas, sing we all Noël!**

**Shepherds on the hillside heard the angels sing:
Glory, honour, praises to the infant king.**

(Refrain)

**In the town they found him; Son of Mary mild.
Sleeping in a manger was the Holy Child.**

(Refrain)

We Listen to God

Scripture Reader:

Carol Hepting

Responsorial Reading: Luke 1.46-55: The Song of Mary, “Magnificat”

Leader: “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.

Choir: For God has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.

All: Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

Leader: The Mighty One has done great things for me. Holy is God’s name.

Choir: God’s mercy is for those who fear God from generation to generation.

All: God has shown strength with his arm; God has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

Leader: God has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;

Choir: God has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

All: God has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise God made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever and ever. Amen.

*Gospel Lesson: John 2.1-11

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Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Celebrate

Exchange of Vows and Rings

Prayer for the Couple

Leader: May God be gracious to you and bless you.

All: **May God's face shine upon you.**

Leader: May the Lord grant you your heart's desire,

All: **And fulfill all your plans.**

Leader: Protect them, O God,

All: **For in you they take refuge.**

Prayers of the People

Merv Hepting

The Lord's Prayer

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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

In response to Jesus laying down his life for us and for all creation, we bring our lives and our tithes and gifts and offer them to God and to each other in love.

Hymn of Offering

"Jesus, All for Jesus"

Jesus, all for Jesus: all I am and have and ever hope to be.

All of my ambitions, hopes, and plans, I surrender these into your hands.

For it's only in your will that I am free. *(Repeat)*

Jesus, all for Jesus: all I am and have and ever hope to be.

*Hymn of Approach **"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"**

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*The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Call to Supper

Joel Russell-MacLean

The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Minister: It is right and good, always and everywhere to give thanks to you Lord, Holy Father, Creator of heaven and earth... We praise you, joining the angels of heaven, all our sisters and brothers around the world, and the faithful departed ..., saying:

All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is Jesus who came and will come again in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Words of Consecration

Minister: Lord Jesus Christ, you came to set us free from sin, death and the devil. With love, we offer ourselves to you, fully and completely, as living sacrifices, as we proclaim the good news:

All: **Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

Minister: Come Holy Spirit, be with us as we take this bread and wine as genuine symbols of the body and blood of Jesus. Unite us to Jesus and bring us, in the end, with all the faithful, to resurrection and everlasting life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

After the wedding couple have come forward, and once you are prepared, you are invited to make your way to the nearest communion station. Gluten free bread is available at each station.

WE RESPOND TO GOD

*Response of Praise “It Came upon the Midnight Clear” #128

*Presentation and Blessing of the Couple

*Benediction Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing “Noel, Noel” (Daquin) Mark Anderson

Deacon on Duty: Ron Phillips

Anyone desiring prayer is invited to come to the front of the sanctuary on the right hand side. One of our deacons will be there to listen and to pray with you.

Christmas Together Dinner

Today, following morning worship, in the lower hall.

All are welcome.

A Note of Thanks

The sanctuary and lower hall have been transformed thanks to the work of Dean Gilchrist, Brenda Ziolkowski, Eleanor Russell, Tracy and Jack Sailor, Julie and Kevin Rich, Ron and Marilyn Phillips.

Upcoming Christmas Events

- **Men's Christmas Supper.** Monday December 9th, 6:30 p.m. at Derrick Bellow's. Potluck meal. RSVP to Derrick or Joel.
- **Christmas Glory Concert.** Sunday, December 15th, 7 p.m. Posters: take one for your apartment, local grocery store, or coffee shop. Invite someone who would be blessed to hear the gospel set to music. Consider coming out to host, to pray, and to minister to those the Spirits draws: 1/3 of the folks once reported having no church connection.
- **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service:** December 24th, 6 p.m. A communion service with the songs and stories of Jesus' birth.

Hopeful Gifts for Change

Looking for meaningful gift ideas this Christmas? The CBM "Hopeful Gifts for Change" catalogue is now available in the foyer! Don't forget to pick up a catalogue for your family after the worship service, or visit hopefulgifts.ca to shop online.

This Christmas, give the gifts of hope and change.



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