

GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH
FREDERICTON, N.B.

December 24, 2019 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP[†]

*denotes standing for those who are able

PRELUDE WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE APPROACH GOD

“Every time we are kind, every time we are thoughtful, every time we forgive, every time we are generous, it’s Christmas.”

...Mary Davis

“O Holy Night”

sung by Charles MacTavish

***LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE:**

One: Come with joy this holy night.

All: We come to receive again the words of “good news of great joy for all people.” Amen. (Luke 2:10b)

***CHRISTMAS CAROL: “O Come, All Ye Faithful” 60**

CHRISTMAS PRAYER: (SILENCE)

God of light, may the wonder and awe that fills the eyes of children be awakened within us. May it lead us to renewed awareness and appreciation of whatever we too easily take for granted. As we gather with family and friends may we always be reminded to open our hearts to those who are hurting, drawing the circle of your embrace ever wider. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

***CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS CAROL: “Away in a Manger” 69**

CHILDREN’S STORY: “The Gift of Love”

***CHRISTMAS CAROL: “Go, Tell It on the Mountain” 43**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:1-19

A CHRISTMAS STORY

SOLO: “I’ll Be Home For Christmas” Charles MacTavish

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER 959

OFFERTORY and PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

(Ministry of Music with Heather Fyffe)

***CHRISTMAS CAROL: “Joy to the World” (verses 1 & 2) 59**

***THE OFFERTORY PRAYER:** God of love, as we have been blessed, so we offer blessings here. May our gifts be used to bring hope to despair, love to hate, warmth to loneliness and food to the hungry. We pray in the spirit of joyous sharing among us, for the sake of all your children everywhere. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN: “Silent Night, Holy Night” (see back cover)**

(Candles and glow sticks are lit.)



***COMMISSIONING and BENECTION**

(Please extinguish your candle following the singing of **Silent Night** and, as you exit, place it in the metal containers provided)

POSTLUDE

SILENT NIGHT

Silent night! Holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight:
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing Hallelujah,
Christ the Saviour is born, Christ the Saviour is born.

Silent night! Holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy
birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.



*Merry Christmas to all and
to all a good night!*