

Saint James United Church
December 12th, 2016 – Cantata

Minister: Rev. Debra Baker
Music Director and Organist: Amy Anderson



Welcome all visitors and their families who may be worshipping with us this evening. We pray that you will feel at home here at Saint James and that you will feel the presence of God's Holy Spirit, as we worship. After the service, please introduce yourself to Rev. Debra, sign our guest book at the back of the sanctuary and join us for our dessert party in the C.E. Centre.

Prelude “Christmas Fantasy for Organ and Brass”
(Peter McLaughlin, Steven Brewer, John Clark, Stephen Lloyd, Geoff Clark, Amy Anderson)

Welcome

CANTATA

Ceremony of Candles by Joseph M. Martin

1. Carols of Hope and Light
2. Longing for the Light
3. An Advent Garden
4. The Holy Child of Mary
5. O Wondrous Night
6. The Celtic Noel
7. Coventry Carol
8. Carols of the Quest
9. A Celtic Gloria!
10. Bethlehem Light
11. Carols of Celebration

Narrator: Rev. Debra Baker

Soprano

Angela Young
Opalee Budd
Karen Arnold
Heidi Christian
Vanessa Belyea
Sharon Anderson
Anne Murray
Esther Rogers
Emily Clark

Tenor

Scott Palmer
Sam Arnold

Handbell Choir

Jolene Caverhill
Evelyn Clark
Kinley LaFrance
John Clark
Lin Ward

Narrator

Alto

Carole Montgomery
Lin Ward
Barb Kierstead
Lauren Graham

Bass

John Clark
David Daye

Angela Young
Angela Palmer
Gail Lipsett
Bonnie Stokes
Lynda Swan

Rev. Debra Baker

Presentation of the Offering

All proceeds to the Children's Health Fund.

Offertory

(tune: Away in a Manger)

**O Christmas is coming, the season is here
of folks buying presents for friends far and near.
To you, God incarnate, our gifts now we bring.
We lay them before you while praises we sing.**

(Written by Gord Waldie. Gathering, Advent/Christmas/Epiphany 2009-2010, page 29. Used with permission.)

Offertory prayer

**Living God, along the road to Bethlehem we are called to give
from our hearts and minds, as well as from our treasured
resources. Bless all our giving, in the name of your Blessed One,
Jesus. Amen.**

(Written by David Sparks. *Worship for All Seasons II*, page 31. Used with permission.)

Grace

Postlude

**The Children's Health Fund supports families in need of
prescription medications or eyeglasses for their children.
It is administered by local pharmacies and medical
professionals and is confidential.**