

# Colebrook United Church

Lessons and Carols  
A Traditional Candlelight Service  
Christmas Eve 2018

Prelude

Welcome

Christmas Eve Call to Worship

One: The Prophet Isaiah said:  
The people who walked in darkness  
Have seen a great light;  
Those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
On them light has shined.

**All: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

One: The Priest Zechariah said before John's birth:  
By the tender mercy of our God,  
The dawn from on high will break upon us,  
To give light to those who sit in darkness,  
To guide our feet into the way of peace.

**All: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

One: The Evangelist John said:  
What has come into being in him was life  
And the life is the light of all people.  
The light shines in the darkness,  
And the darkness did not overcome it.

**All: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

One: God is with us  
God is coming into our lives in a new way  
The birth of the Christ-child is the renewal of hope  
A reminder that Christ will come again  
Keep watch for the light; it is drawing near.

**All: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

Carol: O Come, All Ye Faithful VU 60 vss. 1,3,5

First Lesson Luke 1:26-38 The message of the angel



*Lighting of the first Advent candle*

Carol: Angels We Have Heard on High VU 38

Second Lesson Luke 1:39-45 Good news for two women

*Lighting of the second Advent candle*

Carol: Joy to the World! VU 59 vss. 1,2,4

Third Lesson Luke 1:46-55 Mary's hymn of praise

*Lighting of the third Advent candle*

Special Music

Fourth Lesson Matthew 1:18-25 Joseph's Dream

*Lighting of the fourth Advent candle*

Carol: It Came Upon the Midnight Clear VU 44 vs. 1

Fifth Lesson Luke 2:1-7 The birth of Jesus

*Lighting of the fifth Advent candle (Christ candle)*

Carol: O Little Town of Bethlehem VU 64 vss. 1,2,4

Sixth Lesson Luke 2:8-20 The Shepherds and the Angels

Carol: The First Nowell VU 91 vss. 1-4

Christmas Reflection: The Nightly News

Offertory

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Carol: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing VU 48 vs. 1

Special Music

Christmas Prayer

Carol: Silent Night! Holy Night! VU 67

Christmas Blessing

Postlude

Linda Szentes – Piano

Sue Hale – Flute



Sheryl Sato - Organ  
Garth Balint - Trumpet