

# Colebrook United Church

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December 23, 2018

10:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday in Advent

**“I am bringing you good news of great joy to all people...”**

**Luke 2:10**

Prelude:

**WE GATHER**

Welcome

We are a caring, serving community,  
faithfully journeying and trusting in the mystery that is God,  
seeking joy, peace and justice for all.

Call To Worship *(Bill Steadman, St. Andrew's UC, Sudbury, ON)*

One: We are a people open to anticipation  
and ready for a celebration.

**All: Behold, the birth of the Christ child is expected.**

One: We are a congregation that remembers  
the message of hope, peace, joy and love  
that God shared with us all.

**All: Behold, the birth of the Christ child is near.**

One: We are a community inspired to live lives  
of service and wholeness.

**All: Behold, the birth of the Christ child will change  
who we are in this time of worship and beyond.  
Let us worship.**

♪ Gathering Hymn: *The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy* VU 73

Life and Work of the Congregation

Acknowledgement of First Nation Territories

♪ Centering Hymn: *Wait for The Lord* VU 22

Lighting of Advent Candle: *(Don Stiles, Seeley's Bay UC, ON.)*

One: Today we kindle the Advent candle of Love.

**All: We welcome the warmth that lightens the winter chill,  
the warmth of passionate embrace, the warmth that  
comes from the heart of God.**

One: Come, Holy Stranger, messenger of love on this Advent  
journey; welcome us as we welcome you.

**All: We receive the light of love.**

♪ Song: *A Candle is Burning*

VU 6 vs. 1-4

Advent Prayer of Approach:

**God, we come this morning in anticipation and hope  
waiting for your Word to come alive within us,  
around us, and among us, bringing your message of peace  
and good will to all. Amen.**

Sharing the Peace of Christ.

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**



**WE PROCLAIM**

Learning Together

♪ Sung Response: *Angels We Have Heard on High*

VU 38 vs. 1

Presenting our Gifts and Offerings:

♪ Offertory Hymn: *We Give Our Thanks to God* MV 187 (vs. 1)

Prayer of Dedication

A Time of Prayer:

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer



**A CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

♪ Song: *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

VU 1 vs. 1

The Visitations

Matthew 1:18-25

♪ Song: *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

VU 64 vs. 1

