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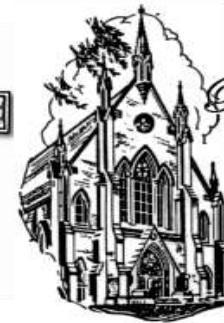
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WELCOME!

We gather on the unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people. Peace and Friendship Treaties with the Mi'kmaq bind us together as we strive for reconciliation.

Christmas Eve - December 24, 2018, 7 p.m.

**Please stand if able*



Prelude

Introit: *Lift up your heads* - Christoph Dalitz

*The Entry of the Scriptures

*Call to Worship: [from John 1]

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Glory to God in the highest heaven!

All things came into being through him . . .
What has come into being in him was life,
and the life was the light of all people.

Glory to God in the highest heaven!

The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness did not overcome it.

Glory to God in the highest heaven!

*Prayer of Adoration: (said together)

All glory to you, Great God, for the gift of your Son,

The Christmas Spirit

The Christmas spirit
is that hope
which tenaciously clings
to the hearts of the faithful
and announces
in the face
of any Herod the world can produce
and all the inn doors slammed in our faces
and all the dark nights of our souls
that with God,
all things are still possible,
that even now
unto us
a Child is born!

~ Ann Weems, *Kneeling in Bethlehem* [Copyright 1980 Westminster Press,
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I Breastfeed.

We welcome younger children to our services! St. David's is a breastfeeding friendly facility.

The 3 R's at Saint David's - Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.
This is a 'scent free' zone for the comfort of all.

**light in our darkness and hope of the world.
With shepherds and wise men, and pilgrims unknown,
we come to adore the Holy Child, the promised Messiah.
With singing angels, we praise your Name
and tell the earth your story,
so that all may believe, rejoice and bow down,
enjoying your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Hymn: O little town of Bethlehem 165

Poem: *The Decree* – Ann Weems

Lighting the Christ Candle (See Insert)

*Hymn: Silent night 154

The Prophets: Isaiah 9:2-7
One: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God

The Gospel: Luke 2:1-20
One: The Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, O Christ.

*Hymn: What child is this 161

Sermon: "Good news of great joy"

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
Anthem: *See amid the winter's snow* - John Goss
*Doxology: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow" 830
*Offertory Prayer

Christmas Prayer
*Hymn: O come, all ye faithful 159
*Benediction (... *be with you all. And also with you.*)
Postlude

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**Our worship continues with our service in the world.**

**We welcome** all who are worshipping here tonight! If you are here for the first time, please sign the Guest Book at the main entrance. Our Scripture reader this evening is Amanda Saoud. Our Christ Candle liturgy readers are Nicole, Katie and Jamie Cambell.

**First Sunday of Christmas - December 30** - Service at 11 a.m.  
Come adore the New-Born King with Christmas hymns and readings. All ages welcome.

**The 9 a.m. Communion services will resume on January 13.**

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Introit: *Lift up your heads* - Christoph Dalitz

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord?
Or who shall stand in his holy place?
He that hath clean hands and a pure heart.

Lift up!
Lift up your heads, O ye gates!
And be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors.
And the king of glory shall come in.

Anthem: *See amid the winter's snow* - John Goss

Text is found in *The Book of Praise* 168

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May you know God's peace, hope and joy at Christmas and in the New Year!