



# Leaside Presbyterian Church

December 24, 2024 - 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve

\*please stand as you are able

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF CENTERING

\*CALL TO WORSHIP - PWS&D ADVENT LITURGY -

Christ Candle (insert) *Hope is a star* No. 119

\*HYMN *Angels we have heard on high* No. 147

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

**All: God of grace and truth, in Christ you came among us preaching good news and pointing the way. We confess that we have not followed you or trusted the good news to be true. We have closed our eyes to your glory around us, expected little and hoped for less. Forgive what we have been, help us amend who we are and direct who we shall be.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PEACE OF CHRIST

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

\*HYMN *Away in a manger* No. 149

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

**All: In the law and the prophets you have given us your will. And in Jesus Christ we see the full measure of your love. Open our hearts and minds by your Spirit that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 9:2-7 pg: OT 638

Psalms 96:1-13 pg: OT 550

Luke 2:4-20 pg: NT 58

\*HYMN

*What child is this* No. 161

SERMON

CHOIR ANTHEM

OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY

No. 830

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN

*Silent night* No. 154

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us**

**from evil; for thine is the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory; for ever and ever. AMEN**

\*HYMN

*Joy to the world* No. 153

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL AMEN (CONGREGATION AND CHOIR) No. 780

POSTLUDE

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Please pick up a candle in the narthex that will be lit during the singing of Silent Night.
- A reminder that the service is being recorded and will be available on both the website and on Facebook.
- Christmas Stars for PWS&D and Presbyterian Sharing 2024: Thank you for your ongoing support for Presbyterian World Service & Development and Presbyterians Sharing. Please take an origami star from the Christmas box in the narthex to put on our tree in the sanctuary to symbolize your generous contributions in 2024 towards these organizations. If you attend by Zoom, please let Carol Anne know so that she can put a star on the tree for you. If you haven't had a chance to do so already, you might wish to make a donation, or you might wish to add a bit to what you have given already.
- Please ensure that any donations sent by e-transfer for 2024 are received by Dec 31 to be credited to the 2024 tax year.
- Today, we welcome back the Rev Ian Ross-McDonald, our interim moderator

## LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge with gratitude and humility this land on which Leaside Presbyterian Church ministers.

Today, this meeting place is still home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to worship on this land.

Wherever we are, we acknowledge the privilege of inheriting this land from those who have gone before us. Wherever we are, we recognize the responsibility of caring for this land to pass on to those who come after us. We are grateful for this gift of being on this land.