

Today's bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of

**Eric & Winnie Parsons**

from Louise, Tom and family.

And in loving memory of

**Ceanne Butt R.N.,**

January 23, 1953, to December 27, 2009,

from sisters-in-law Glenda Winsor and Gloria Le Feuvre and families.

## St. James United Church

December 22, 2013

Advent 4/Christmas Music

Minister: Rev. Terrie Burry  
Minister of Visitation/MUN Chaplain: Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald  
Minister of Youth/Christian Education: Susan Sheppard, DLM  
Choir: Senior  
Organist/Senior Choir Director: Christine Tiller

Please remain seated comfortably until invited to stand.

**Organ Prelude:** *Tableaux for Christmas*

Young

**Welcome & Life and Work of St. James**



**Invitation to Worship**

**Opening Prayer:** (together) Mysterious God, You come to us in this season, softly as a mother's sigh, as startling as the cry of a newborn child. Come into our hearts, we pray, that we might be cradled in Your love and stirred by Your glory. We pray in the name of the One whose coming we celebrate, Jesus Christ, the Bethlehem Baby. Amen.

**Hymn:** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* 60

**Liturgical Dance**

**Advent Candle Lighting and Time with the Children**

**Hymn:** *Jesus Our Brother* 56

### Offering

**Organ Offertory:** *The Journey to Bethlehem* C. Franck

**Offertory Hymn:** *In the Bleak Midwinter* 55 v. 4

**Offertory Prayer:** (together) O God, You birth abundant life! We thank You for the birth we await in this season. In response to Your great labour of love, we offer ourselves. Amen.

### THE VOICES OF CHRISTMAS

**Isaiah 40:** 3-5 and 9-11

**Luke 1:** 68-69, 76, 79

**The Voice of Israel**

**Anthem:** *Blest Be The God of Israel* Hopson, arr. Tiller

**Luke 1:** 26-27, 30-33, 46-49

**The Voice of Mary**

**Solo:** *Mary's Song* Trad. Nfld. Melody, adapted Tiller

**Luke 2:** 8-16

**The Voice of the Shepherd**

**Anthem:** *Hurry, Hurry to Bethlehem* Besig

**Matthew 2:1-12**

**The Voice of the Star**

**Anthem:** *Sleep Little King* Besig

**Hymn:** *Hope Is a Star* 7

**John 1:** 1-4

**The Voice of Wisdom**

**Solo:** *The Winter Rose* Martin

**Psalms 19:** 1-4

**The Voice of Silence**

**Anthem:** *O Come To The Manger* arr. Liebergen

**The Voices of Today**

**Prayer**

**Anthem:** *Good Christians All Rejoice* arr. Page

**Closing Hymn:** *Once in Royal David's City* 62

**Blessing and Sending Forth**

**Organ Postlude:** *In Excelsis Deo* arr. Ellis