

This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of

Eric & Winnie Parsons

from Louise & Tom Harris

St. James United Church

December 21st, 2014/4th Sunday in Advent – Love/Youth Choir Service

Minister: Rev. Terrie Burry
Minister of Visitation: Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald
Minister of Youth/Christian Education: Susan Sheppard, DLM
Choir: Youth
Choir Director: Doreen Brown
Organist: Amy Dalziel

Please remain seated comfortably until invited to stand.

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Prelude

Welcome and Life and Work of St. James



Introit: *Hark, the Herald Angels Sing* Choir

Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: On the way to Bethlehem there are many beginnings: conceptions, waiting times, births.

All: What do You conceive in us, O God? Who do You bring to new life?

One: O come, O come, God-with-us, give what is needed to set us free, as we find ourselves bound by so many things until You come into our lives... again.

All: While we await Your coming, we cannot keep from singing. We will worship You.

Youth Choir Music: *Children's Song of the Nativity* Rebecca Ann Bartlett
Come, See
Noel, Noel

Opening Prayer: (together) O God, how will we meet You? In a tiny baby, reliant upon the care and well-being of those around? In a toddler, visited by Wise Ones? In a teen, changing and challenging, learning and teaching, growing into self? In an adult, healing and caring, loving to death and

beyond? O God, how will we meet You? Wherever we may find You, warm our hearts to Your presence, we pray. Amen.

Hymn: *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* 2

Advent Candle Lighting and Passing the Peace of Christ

Youth Choir Music: *Sweet Little Jesus Boy* Katelyn Mayo

Invitation to the Offering

Offering

Youth Choir Anthem: *Bethlehem's Gift*

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

Offertory Prayer: O come to us, Emmanuel, and make our giving holy. For what is here is freely given, with hope and joy and love; let our small gifts join with others so that our world may become Your dream of peace. Amen.

Scripture Reading: 2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16

Youth Choir Music: *Long Long Time Ago*
Angel Carol Jennifer Bartlett
Ballad of a Happy Christmas Wind Laura Mayo
He Brings Love

Scripture: Luke 1: 26-38

Hymn : *What Child Is This?* 74

Youth Choir Music: *Christmas Gloria*
Lullaby on a Silent Night
Christmas Dreams Kaitlyn Ward

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn : *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* 43

Blessing & Sending Forth
Postlude

