

This bulletin is dedicated in celebration of  
**Claire Higdon's birthday,**  
 and in loving memory of  
 parents **Graham & Beatrice Pike,**  
**Capt. Stephen & Mrs. Cecilia Penney**  
 and sister **Bernice Pike**  
 from Adolphe & Minnie Penney.

## St. James United Church

December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014/Christmas Eve

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

**Please remain seated comfortably until invited to stand.**

**Please turn off your cell phone during the Service.**

**Musical Prelude:** Brass Quintet, Sight Restored, Organ

**Scripture:** John 1:1-14 Rev. Terrie Burry

**Processional Carol:** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* 60

### Welcome



### Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: O come, children and teenagers, brothers and sisters, come and behold the Christmas miracle.

All: O come, all ye faithful.

One: O come, men and women, parents and grandparents, come and hear the Christmas story.

All: O come, all ye faithful.

One: O come, all the world, every race and place, come and receive God's Christmas blessing.

**All: O come, all ye faithful.**

One: Be filled with the joy of this holy night.

**All: The waiting is over.**

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**Opening Prayer:** (together) The messenger's voices can be a cacophony, but the message itself is clear - "Peace on Earth, Goodwill to All." O God, still our rushing bodies. We see lights gleaming on the streets, carols overheard, warm wishes, holiday gatherings: the spirit of joy all around. Be present here, O Spirit, we ask, as we celebrate the coming of Christ. Amen.

**Carol:** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* 48

**Scripture and Advent Candle Lighting:** Luke 1: 26-38 Benjamin Oates

**Carol:** *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child* 46

**Scripture and Advent Candle Lighting:** Luke 1: 39-56 Sophie Skinner

**Anthem:** *Long, long time ago & Lullaby on a Silent Night* Youth Choir

**Scripture and Advent Candle Lighting:** Luke 1: 57-66 Jordan Goodwin

**Carol:** *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* 44

### Offertory Invitation

### Offering

**Anthem:** *O Holy Night* Youth Choir

**Scripture and Advent Candle Lighting:** Luke 2: 1-7 Katie Vardy

**Carol:** *Away in a Manger* 69

**Scripture and Christ Candle Lighting:** Luke 2: 8-20 Phil Saunders

**Carol:** *Silent Night, Holy Night* 67

### Christmas Prayer

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

### Musical Interlude

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**Carol:** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, vs.1, 3, 5, 6* 1

**Welcome to those joining for Holy Communion**

**Anthem:** *Hallelujah (Christmas)* Kelsey Brown, soloist

**Prayer**

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 1, 18-25 Terry Burry

**Carol:** *What Child Is This?* 74  
(Offering and elements brought forward)

**Offertory Prayer:** (together) Loving and gracious God, You have given the world Your most precious gift- Yourself in Jesus Christ. May our gifts and our lives be a reflection of that gift. May we, too, bring light to the world, by what we do here tonight, and always. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 2: 1-12 Richard Jackson

**Anthem:** *Lo, How a Rose* Senior Choir

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**The Great Thanksgiving:** (responsive)

One: The Lord be with you!

**All: And also with you!**

One: Lift up your hearts!

**All: We lift them to the Lord!**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You.....we praise Your name and join in Your unending hymn:

**All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

One: Holy are You, and blessed is Your Son Jesus Christ.....as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**



**Prayer for the Spirit and The Lord's Prayer**

**Breaking of Bread & Pouring of the Cup**

**Invitation to the Table**

**Communion**

**Prayer after Communion:** (together) Thanks to You, O God; thanks to You, O Christ; thanks to You, O Holy Mary and Joseph, angels, shepherds, kings from afar, for You have lived the story for our benefit; You have baked the bread and filled our cups and fed our souls with the story of the Word come among us. Be in us, with us, beside us, all along the way, this night and always. Amen.

**Carol:** *Joy to the World* 59

**Blessing and Sending Forth**

**Postlude**

**Ushering this week is provided by:**

**Usher in Charge:** Dave Hapgood

**Greeters:** Jennifer Tremblett, Claire Neary

**Ushers:** Wayne Skinner, Michelle Skinner, Maggie Skinner, Sophie Skinner, Gerry Mayo, Kim Mayo, Marilyn Adams, Gordon Adams, Stephen Pike, Susan Pike

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Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year to all



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