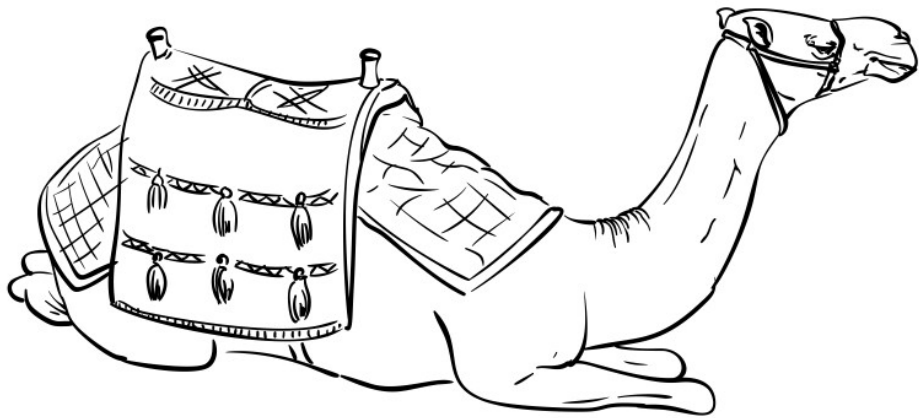


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Emmanuel United Church 5pm December 24, 2024
Christmas Eve Family Service

Welcome (Amelia Brohman)

Call to Worship (Alysia Natran)

A light shining in the darkness...

What could it be?

The sound of angels' wings....

What could it mean?

A baby born in a stable....

Who could it be?

Let us go together to Bethlehem to see.

Lighting of the Advent Candles (Lopez/Chan Wai Family)

Reader 1: During Advent we light candles of hope, peace, joy and love (*Reader 2 lights each candle is lit as each word is said*) to remind us of the gifts that the birth of Jesus brings to us. These flames of hope, peace, joy and love shine brightly.

Reader 2: Tonight, we light the Christ candle, the candle which represents Jesus. (*Reader 1 lights the Christ candle*). It is the center of our wreath, just as Jesus is the center of our lives. Jesus brings light to our lives!

Reader 1 and 2: Happy Birthday, Jesus!

Advent Candle Prayer (Action Prayer) (Tommy Lincoln)

Holy One (*stretch up and out*)

May the gift of Jesus (*cradle arms*)

Be born in me (*circle arms over chest*)

So that all might know (*one arm at a time, circle out from body*)

God's hope (*widen arms*)

God's peace (*asl sign for peace*)

God's joy (*put hands toward center, wiggle fingers*)

And God's love. (*put hands over heart*)

Amen.

Children's Choir: C-H-R-I-S-T-M-A-S (*words by Jenny Lou Carson, music by Eddie Arnold*) Choir led by Ashley Roy

Video – What does the Birth of Jesus mean to you?

Hymn – O Come All Ye Faithful (verses 1, 3,5) VU#60

Scripture Reading and Comments: Luke 2: 1-5 (NIV)

JAM Musical Offering – Just a Girl
(*by Brandon Heath & Lee Thomas Miller*)

Scripture Reading and Comments – Luke 2: 6-14 (NIV)
(Alysia Natran, Eka Zahinda)

Hymn: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing VU48

(*children are invited to come to the front to play along using jingles*)

Scripture Reading and Comments – Luke 2: 15-20
(Tommy Lincoln, Eka Zahinda)

Nativity Play

(Jah'Mari Currie, Jureem Currie, Sofia Chan Wai,
Kato Chan Wai, James Jamieson-Bazil,
Nathalie Joseph, Eka Zahinda)

Hymn: Silent Night VU#67

(*at the end of the play, children are invited to take a star and gather around the creche during the hymn*)

Prayer (Erika Langner)

Hymn: Go, Tell it on the Mountain VU#43

Benediction (Rev. Grant Stuckless)

JAM Musical Offering – Christmas Day by Chris Tomlin

Thank you to our JAM musicians:

Jah'Mari Currie, Jureem Currie, Amanda Jamieson, Loli Zahinda,
Myrna Lamb, Jim Lamb, Tom Miner, Abigail Sánchez Rojas,
Eka Zahinda, Landa Zahinda