

CAROL - O Come, All Ye Faithful
(VU 60)

OFFERING

COMMUNITY PRAYER

Sing: VU 64 verse 1

(A time of Prayer)

Sing: VU 64 verse 2

(A time of Prayer)

Sing: VU 64 verse 3

(A time of Prayer)

Sing: VU 64 verse 4

CAROL: Away in a Manger (VU 69)

COMMISSIONING (VU 420) (vs. 2)

Go to the world! Go into every place.

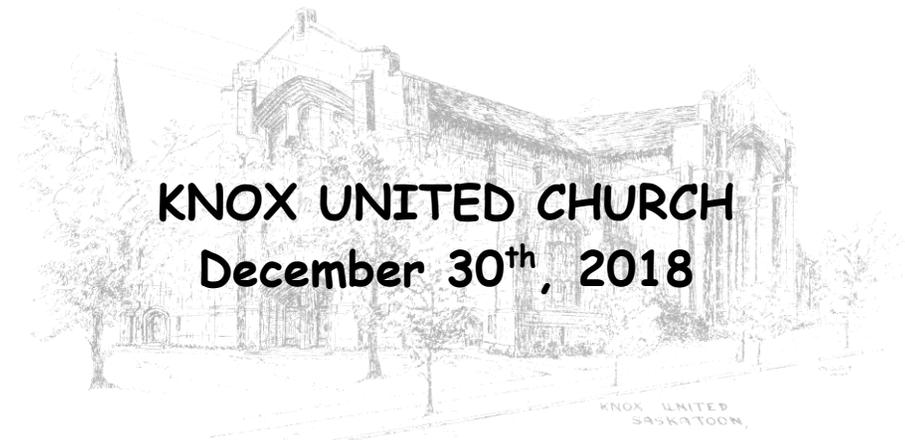
Go live the Word of God's redeeming grace.

Go seek God's presence in each time and space.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah

words: Sylvia Dunstan, music: Ralph Vaughan Williams

POSTLUDE



KNOX UNITED CHURCH December 30th, 2018

**Sharing the Gospel of Jesus with all people
through worship, service and care.**

As we gather for worship today, we acknowledge that the land on which we gather is Treaty 6 territory, the ancestral land of several Indigenous nations, and part of the homeland of the Metis. We respect the sacredness of our shared home and the ground on which we walk, and we are grateful for its stewardship through the centuries.

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SINGING THE SPIRIT (MV 62)

There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing;
there is room for all, sheltered in God's love.

And I rejoice and sing, "My refuge and
my rock in whom I trust,"

There is room for all, there is room for all!



Word and music: Bruce Harding, 2004

CALL TO WORSHIP

Merry Christmas!

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The God of Love is among us -

**one whose word speaks all things into being,
who is present in the sweep of the universe,
and in the hearts of all people.**

The God of Hope is among us -

**one who comes as a child, full of promise
and hope for the fulfillment of peace.**

CAROL - Joy to the World (VU 59)

**GATHERING PRAYER**

From birth God opens our lives to amazement and our imaginations to possibility.

**In the birth at Bethlehem, God shows us
that holy love finds a way, that even heaven
cannot contain God's love for us.**

Today, we pray that holy love will be born anew,
that the star of Bethlehem will guide us to the
mangers of this time, in this world.

**We gather in prayer and hope, with those
who suffer illness, with those near and far
who are in want or need, or in places broken
by violence and taut with anxiety.**

May God's light of healing shine within us; and
may we tend it and reflect it,

in the name of Jesus, who became the Christ.

May the peace revealed in the child fill us this
day.

Amen.

GREETING GOD'S FAMILY**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CAROL - Go, Tell It on the Mountain
(VU 43)**

**STORIES OF THE SEASON**

Story 1 - Matthew 1:18-25

Story 2 - The Gifts of Baboushka

**CAROL - Angels We Have Heard
on High (VU 38)**



Story 3 - The Feast of St. Stephen

Story 4 - The Journey of the Magi

by T. S. Elliott