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Baptism

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

(Portions of the service that are in **BOLD** are to be said by all.

All points marked \* those who are able are invited to stand.)

## Approach

Gathering Carol VU #69 – “*Away in a Manger*”

Call to Worship

One: Come, singing of grace.

**All: Come, dancing with joy.**

One: As Mary once sang God’s praises, now we honour Christ with our worship and our open hearts.

**All: Let us sing and dance with hope!**

Lighting the Fourth Advent Candle

\* Opening Hymn VU #60 – “*O Come, All Ye Faithful*”

Prayer of Approach and Confession

**Throughout the ages, we believers have turned to you, God of peace. We have not seen you with our own eyes, but we have seen you at work all around us. You are visible in the courageous acts of justice and compassion done by committed people whose goodness is not limited to the holiday season. We see you in those who insist that the light of hope can shine in any darkness humanity can create. You are with us in our moments of fear and doubt even before we have cried out to you. Like Mary so long ago, we have come to trust in your promises without proof they will be realized. We have come to love and believe in you against the odds.**

**Forgive us when we get impatient...when we expect the worst...when we are bitter...when we are overwhelmed by anger. Fill us with your Holy Spirit and re-focus our vision. Allow us to look into the darkness with hope, into the midst of evil with mercy and into anger with peace. And in all the moments of life, may we see and be thankful for the joy that is ours from you. We pray in Jesus’ name. AMEN**

Assurance of Pardon

\* Hymn VU #74 – “*What Child is This*”

Celebration of Baptism (see insert)

## The Word

📖 Scripture Readings – Micah 5: 2a-5

Quartet – “*She Walked in the Summer (The Visit)*”

📖 Scripture Readings – Luke 1: 39-55

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

\* Hymn – “*My Soul is Filled With Joy*” (see insert)

Meditation – “*Unlikely profits... unexpected promises*”

(a quiet time for your personal reflection and prayer)

Anthem – “*Be Born in Us*”

## The Response

Announcements

\* Offering / Response (VU #84)

**O Light of nations. Fill the earth;  
Our faith and hope and love renew.  
Come, lead the peoples to your peace,  
As stars once led the way to you.**

Pastoral Prayer / The Lord’s Prayer

\* Hymn VU #64 – “*O Little Town of Bethlehem*”

Benediction

Anthem – “*Carols of the Angels*”

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Rev. Dr. Sharon Wilson, Minister  
Luci Toews, Church Administrator  
Myrna Hagues, Organist  
Bob Galston, Liturgist

Patrick Woodbeck, Associate Minister  
Laura Steidl, Music Director  
Jessica Steidl & Alex Czehrny, Joyful Noise  
Gina Grant, Custodian

Douglas Gauthier & Gloria Waldron, Nursery Care Givers

Greeters: Mona Gibbons and Alice Hastings