

Saint James United Church  
Woodstock, NB  
Christmas Cantata  
Festival of Lessons & Carols

December 11, 2022  
Advent 3

Prelude ~ In The Bleak Midwinter, *Marjorie Hewson, piano*

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Carol: Once In Royal David's City *Choir & Congregation*

1. *Choir only*  
2. *Choir only*

Once in Royal David's City

3. Je - sus is our child - hood's pat - tern, Day by  
4. And our eyes at last shall see him, Through his  
day like us he grew; He was lit - tle, weak and  
own re - deem - ing love, For that child so dear and  
help - less, Tears and smiles like us he knew; And he  
gen - tle, Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove; And he  
feels for all our sad - ness, And he  
leads his child - ren on To the  
shares in all our glad - ness.  
place where he is gone.

## O Come, All Ye Faithful

1. O come, all ye faithful,  
Joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come, and behold him,  
Born the King of angels,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord!

2. *Choir only*

3. Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above.  
Glory to God in the highest!  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord!

### Prayer of Offertory

Dear God, we thank you for the joy we can share through our seeds, familiar songs on our lips, greetings from old friends, the excitement of children this season, and the promise of being born again in us as we anticipate Jesus' birth. Bless this seed for your use, for we pray in your son's name Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Closing Song: We give you all the glory 2X  
We give you honour  
Praise God, halleluyah 2X  
Praise God, Amen.

### The Commissioning and Blessing

Go with joy renewed this day, energized to share that joy with justice and generosity in the world God loves.

May he who by his Incarnation gathered into one thing earthly and heavenly, fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen. Postlude



## O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.

*Refrain:*  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel*  
*Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

2. Choir only

*Refrain: everyone*

3. O come, Desire of nations, bind  
All peoples in one heart and mind;  
Bid envy, strife, and discord cease;  
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

*Refrain: all*

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**First Lesson:** Genesis 3: 8 - 15  
*Joan Hall*

**Carol (solo):** Gloria In Excelsis Deo!

*Mia Hewson*

**Second Lesson:** Isaiah 9:1-7

*Evelyn Clark*

**Carol:** Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

*Choir only*

**Third Lesson:** Isaiah 11:1-12

*Joan Hall*

**Carol:** People Look East/Prepare the Way, O Zion

*Choir only*

**Fourth Lesson: Luke 1: 26-38**

*Evelyn Clark*

**Carol (solo):** What Child Is This?

*Julie Savoy*

**Fifth Lesson:** Luke 2:1-14

*Joan Hall*

**Carol:** Angels From the Realms of Glory

*Choir & congregation*

## Angels, from the Realms of Glory/ Angels We Have Heard on High

1. Angels, from the realms of glory,  
Winging flight o'er all the earth;  
Ye, who sang creation's story  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King!

*Refrain: Choir only*

2. Choir only

3. All creation, join in praising  
God the Father, Spirit, Son,  
Evermore your voices raising  
To th'eternal Three in One;  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King!

*Refrain: Choir only*

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**Sixth Lesson:** Luke 2: 15-20

*Clark*

*Evelyn*

**Carol:** Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

*Choir only*

**Seventh Lesson:** Matthew 2: 2 -12

*Joan Hall*

**Carol: Joy To The World / Joyful, Joyful**

*Choir & congregation*

**The bulletin has been dedicated in loving memory  
of our parents, Leighton and Sharon Clark, Granville and  
Roberta White and grandmother, Louise Corey  
by Peter and Janet Clark.**

### **DONATIONS**

**A memorial donation has been made to the Kirk Cemetery in  
loving memory of Reg Simonds by Joan McKinley and family,  
Bob and Ellen Key, Blair and Lori Smart,**

**A memorial donation has been made to the Angel Christmas  
Project in memory of our parents, Leighton and Sharon Clark,  
Gordon and Jean Yeomans by John and Evelyn Clark.**

**A memorial donation to the general fund has been given by  
Margie Daye-Patterson with both precious memories of the  
CGIT Advent Vesper Candlelight Service, as light encircled  
the sanctuary, and joyous thanksgiving for the women who  
offered their leadership.**

### **SCENT FREE CHURCH**

**We want to remind the congregation that Saint James is a  
Scent Free Church, and we ask that those attending the church  
refrain from wearing perfumes, etc. Due to allergies and  
medical conditions, some are unable to attend.**

**We will post this in the bulletin each week.**

**Thank you for your co-operation**

**MISSION STATEMENT** The congregation of Saint James  
United Church strives to be a welcoming, caring, committed  
family of people from all ages and walks of life who come together  
in fellowship with each other and our Creator God.

We endeavor to respect each other's differences and abilities, to  
follow the way of Jesus, and to be open to the work of the Holy

Spirit in us and through us, for the ultimate enrichment of our faith,  
our community and our world.



