

Third Sunday of Advent

The Shepherd's Candle

December 15, 2019

Color: Violet

Advent is the season of preparation for His coming.

We celebrate Advent with our Cantata,

The Christmas Story:

Everybody's Comin' to Bethlehem Town

Narrative Written by Alex Luhtjar

Presented by the United Parish Choir

Directed by Marcia Desilets

Narrated by Katrina Fleming

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

 **OPENING HYMN:** *The First Noel* vs 1 & 2 Hymn #245
The Processional and Illumination

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsively)

Leader: Today there is good news for us to behold!

All: Those who feared that they were worth little to God have found blessing in God's sight.

Leader: For in the mercy and love of God, the blind shall see, the lame shall walk without pain, those who could not hear shall be blessed with hearing, and there shall be peace.

All: God's mercy and love is poured out for all people who ask in faith.

Leader: Behold! The Lord's compassion is with God's people.

All: Believe in the power of God in all things. AMEN.


OUR GIFTS TO GOD ARE CALLED FORTH

Invitation

Offerings to God

Offertory: *Marcia Desilets*

 Doxology # 95

 Prayer of Dedication

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH SEE INSERT

Today we welcome the Deslauriers family to light the third candle.

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER (trespasses)

Pastor: The Lord is with you.

Congregation: And also with you

Pastor: Lord have mercy.

Congregation: Christ have mercy.

Pastor: Let us pray.

THE CANTATA PRESENTATION

The Christmas Story: Everybody's Comin' to Bethlehem Town

Marcia Desilets, Director of Music

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 **Closing Hymn:** *O Come All Ye Faithful* vs 1 & 3 Hymn #234

The Recessional

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

 **All who are able, please stand.**

Thank you for not bringing food or beverage, except water, into the Sanctuary as well as turning off your cell phone during the service ☺

Please join us downstairs after service for a time of fellowship and a light luncheon for the Children's Christmas Party with a special visit from Santa and his Elves!

This afternoon at 3:30 pm we will gather at the church to go Christmas caroling. Please join us.

Our schedule of Christmas Eve Services on Dec. 24th:

Children's Service in our Sanctuary 5:00 PM

Living Nativity at the Clark Memorial YMCA 6:30 PM

Candle and Carol Service in our Sanctuary 10:00 PM

**A special thank you to our Music Director,
Marcia Desilets and the Choir for the many extra hours of
preparation for today's service.**

Thank You to this weeks Volunteer Worship Leaders!

December 15, 2019

Greeters: DAN MCLEAN & CHUCK
SCHRAWDER

Ushers: SCOTT & HEATHER
NASIATKA

Co-leader: ALEX LUHTJARV

December 22, 2019

Greeters: JIM & PAULA WHITAKER

Ushers: ADAM & JENNIE LEBLANC

Co-leader: KATRINA FLEMING

Worship Leaders: Alex, Lauren,
Brandy, Deb & Paul

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Pastor: F. Calvin Miller

Moderator: S. Mark Price

Senior Deacon: Alex Luhtjarv

Fellow Deacons: Marvin Bernstein, Katrina Fleming, Martha Dienst, Ian
Bussiere, Deb Scortico, Dan Baxter, Pat Neville & Adam LeBlanc

Director of Music: Marcia Desilets

Children's Ministry: Brandy Wood

Youth Minister: Jennie LeBlanc

Office Administrator: Cheri Comer

Church Sexton: James Lemmer

Nursery Attendant: Kayte Richtarcsik

Offering for the week of December 1, 2019

General \$3,959.00 Missions \$83.00 Loose Offering \$146.00

Steeple Lighting \$40.00 Communion \$33.00 Thanksgiving \$692.00

Total \$4,953.00 Thank you for giving & God Bless!

Offering for the week of December 8, 2019

General \$1,440.00 Missions \$42.00 Loose Offering \$187.00

Thanksgiving \$5.00 Poinsettia \$12.00 Devotionals \$20.00

Total \$1,706.00 Thank you for giving & God Bless!



Merry Christmas, may you find Joy!