

Stouffville United Church

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White Gift Sunday

Music Prelude

Welcome

Acknowledgement of the Land

We are gathered on the treaty territory of the Huron Wendat, Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe people and their ancestors. May we honour their history, spirituality, culture and teachings and uphold our responsibilities as treaty partners.

Announcements

Call to Worship:

Hymn: Once in Royal David's City (62VU)

Prayer of Approach and Confession: Gracious God, with joy You brought us into being.

You created the world and called it good.

And yet we have done so much to quell that goodness: we have fought with one another and failed to live in peace; we have shut out the stranger; we have ignored the needy and judged the poor; we have fallen short of Your command to be Your Beloved Community. Forgive us, Merciful God, and bring us back to the joy we find in You. This we pray in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself, not counting our trespasses against us. Therefore be assured and believe your sins are forgiven.

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

Living Nativity Presentation

Music Ministry:

A time of silence

Offertory and Prayer

Lord God, today on this White Gift Sunday we give our tithes and offerings; we want to do it with the all trust and simplicity of a child. After all, your Son Jesus told us that we would enter the Kingdom of Heaven

only if we could receive it with the humility of a child. And so on this third Sunday of Advent, we remember that Old children's carol, and make it our humble prayer today:

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.
If I were a wise man, I would do my part.
Yet what I can, I give him, give him my heart.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Luke 1:26-33

Hymn: To a Maid Whose Name Was Mary (14VU)

Sermon: "Ghost of Christmas Past"

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

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Our Father, who art in heaven
Hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
On earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory
Forever and ever. Amen

Hymn: Lo How A Rose E'er Blooming (8 VU)

Blessing

Closing Response Amen, Amen, Amen (VU 967)

Music Postlude

*Thank you for worshipping with us, whether in person or on line.
We look forward to joining with you again next week!*