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Christmas Eve Service

Rev. Shawn Gauthier

In-person and live streamed from the Sanctuary – December 24, 2024



WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY?

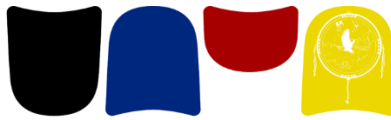
7 pm: Christmas Eve Service

Please note that the VanU office is closed until the New Year (January 2) to give our wonderful staff a well-deserved break!

WANT TO LIGHT A CANDLE?

Silent candles can be lit anytime at the front of the Sanctuary. Community Candles are read from the book of Joys & Concerns in the Foyer and from the Live Chat on YouTube during the service. Requests for candles can also be submitted in advance at <https://vanu.ca/candles> (before 9 am Sunday). A candle with an orange ribbon is always lit during our worship services in remembrance of the countless indigenous children who died at residential schools, the survivors and their families.

TONIGHT'S OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES FUND RECIPIENT



URBAN NATIVE YOUTH ASSOCIATION

Our current Outreach Opportunities Fund (OOF) recipient is the **Urban Native Youth Association** (UNYA).

UNYA strives to support Indigenous youth by providing a diverse continuum of advocacy, preventative and support services that respond to their immediate and long-term needs. Today, UNYA delivers 20+ programs with 175+ volunteers, 100 staff, and more than 300 community partners. For more information about UNYA, please see unya.bc.ca. For more information about the Outreach Opportunities Fund, visit: vanu.ca/oof

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP: 7:00PM, DECEMBER 24, 2024

Prelude	<i>European Carols</i>	Elliott Dainow, piano
Words of Welcome & Land Acknowledgement		Rev. Shawn Gauthier
Kindling the Chalice Flame		Rev. Shawn Gauthier
Opening Carol	<i>STLT #253: O Come, All Ye Faithful</i>	
Call to Worship	Words of Gretchen Haley	Laureen Stokes
Lighting the Advent Wreath		Laureen Stokes
Carol	<i>STLT #228: Once in David's Royal City</i>	
Reading	<i>The Gospel of Luke 2:1-19</i>	Read by Rev. Shawn Gauthier
Music	<i>Go Tell It On the Mountain</i>	Trad. Stan Ridley, vocals; Elliott Dainow, piano
Responsive Reading	<i>Reflections on the Resurgence of Joy</i>	By Dori Jeanine Somers Read by Laureen Stokes
Carol	<i>STLT #241: In the Bleak Midwinter</i>	
Offering		Laureen Stokes
Offertory Music	<i>Let There Be Peace</i>	Miller & Jackson Stan Ridley, vocals; Elliott Dainow, piano

We continue to support the work of this congregation and our outreach opportunities recipient through an online offering. You may use **text-to-give** now (Simply text an amount to 778-771-1707 to get started today, or visit vanu.ca/give for more information!) or [donate online](#) through our secure Breeze interface.

Reading	<i>More Than a Baby Jesus</i>	By Elizabeth Selle Jones Read by Laureen Stokes
Carol	<i>STLT #246: O, Little Town of Bethlehem</i>	
Reading	<i>Notes from the Delivery Room</i>	By Linda Pastan Read by Rev. Shawn Gauthier
Carol	<i>STLT #259: We Three Kings</i>	
Reading	<i>The Queens Came Late</i>	By Norma Farber

Read by Laureen Stokes

Interlude		Elliott Dainow, piano
Homily	<i>In the Flesh</i>	Rev. Shawn Gauthier
Interlude		Elliott Dainow, piano
Candle Lighting Ceremony		Rev. Shawn Gauthier
Carol	STLT #251: <i>Silent Night, Holy Night</i>	
Christmas Prayer		Rev. Shawn Gauthier
Carol	STLT #231: <i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>	
Benediction	<i>The Work of Christmas</i>	By Howard Thurman Read by Rev. Shawn Gauthier
Closing Carol	STLT #245: <i>Joy to the World!</i>	

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