**Westworth United Church**

1750 Grosvenor Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba

on Treaty One Territory in the heart of the Red River Métis Nation

December 24th, 2023

Family Christmas Eve Service

**We Gather to Worship**

**Welcome**

**Carol** VU 60 *O Come All Ye Faithful* (v 1-3)

**Call to Worship**

There is room for you here!

 **Even if we are weary and worn?**

Yes! There is room for you here!

 **Even if we’re tired and lost?**

Yes! There is room for you here! Do you know why?

 **Why?**

Because it’s Christmas! And the story of Christmas tells us that there is room for EVERYONE here.

**If we are touched with doubt or wrapped up in hope we come tonight knowing there is room for all of us here.**

**Candle Lighting**

Because tonight is Christmas Eve! Isn’t it great?

**It IS great! Tonight we come to remember how a child was born for us in Bethlehem and in this place, we can feel how the Christ draws near to us once more.**

The Christ is born! Merry Christmas!

 **Our hearts rejoice! Merry Christmas!**

**Hymn** VU 7 *Hope is a Star* (v 4, 3, 2 and 1)

**Scripture** Luke 1: 26-38

**Carol** VU 38 *Angels We Have Heard on High* (v 1-3)

**Scripture** Matthew 1: 18-24

**Scripture** Luke 2: 1-20

**Special Music**

**Reflection

Hymn** VU 56 *Jesus, Our Brother* (v 1-3)

**Hymn** VU 91 *The First Nowell* (v 1&4)

**Hymn** VU 56 *Jesus, Our Brother* (v 4-6)

**Offering**

**Offering Hymn** VU 55 In the Bleak Midwinter (v 4)

**Dedication**

**On this night, when gifts wait beneath trees and as children try to sleep under the weight of anticipation of what the morning will bring we place our gifts before You. We have nothing without your love, we have nothing without your peace. Move among us this holy night, bless what has been given, and bless those of us gathered here, helping us to be agents of Your love and hope in this world. Amen.**

**Carol** VU 69*Away in a Manger* (v 1&2)

**Star from Afar**

**Carol** VU 67 *Silent Night* (v 1&2)

**Blessing and Sending Forth**

Reader: Kevin Sim & Leslie Rodgers QR Code for Westworth donations

Organist: Megan Dufrat

Special Music: Sam Windsor & David Gerhard

Director of Music: Valdine Anderson

Coordinator of Children, Youth & Families: Katie Anderson

Minister: Tricia Gerhard