**Westworth United Church**

an Affirming Ministry located on the lands of

Treaty One Territory

and the homeland of the Red River Métis Nation

December 24th, 2024

Family Christmas Eve Service

**We Gather to Worship**

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Gathering Song** VU 60 O Come, All Ye Faithful (v.1, 3, 5) ADESTE FIDELES

**Call to Worship**

In those days,

In the beginning,

Joseph and Mary traveled to Bethlehem.

He was to be registered,

And she was expecting a child.

The time came for her to give birth,

So she delivered her child,

Wrapped him in bands of cloth

And laid him in a manger.

**And the angels sang,**

**“Glory to God in the highest heaven,**

**And on earth, peace to all whom God favours.”**

Let us worship our with-us God.

**Let us sing songs of praise!**

**Advent Candle Lighting**

In a weary and worn world, how do we begin again? Where do we start?

**Let us begin with hope.**

**Let us begin with peace.**

**Let us begin with joy.**

**Let us begin with love.**

Yes, let us begin with love, for surely love knows your name. Today, in addition to the candles of hope, peace, joy and love, we light the Christ Candle. For surely God is in this place. Surely the Spirit is near. Surely love knows our name.

**May we rest in that good news.**

**Unto us a child is born.**

**A light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it.**

**Glory to God in the highest heaven!**

**Amen.**

**Hymn** VU 7 Hope is a Star MOON BEAMS

**Sharing the Story – Finding the Star**

**Carol** VU 69 Away in a Manger

**We Hear the Word**

**Scripture:** Isaiah 9: 6-7

**Scripture:** Luke 2:1-20

**Carol** VU 75 While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks(verses 1-4)

WINCHESTER OLD

**Mortimer’s Story**

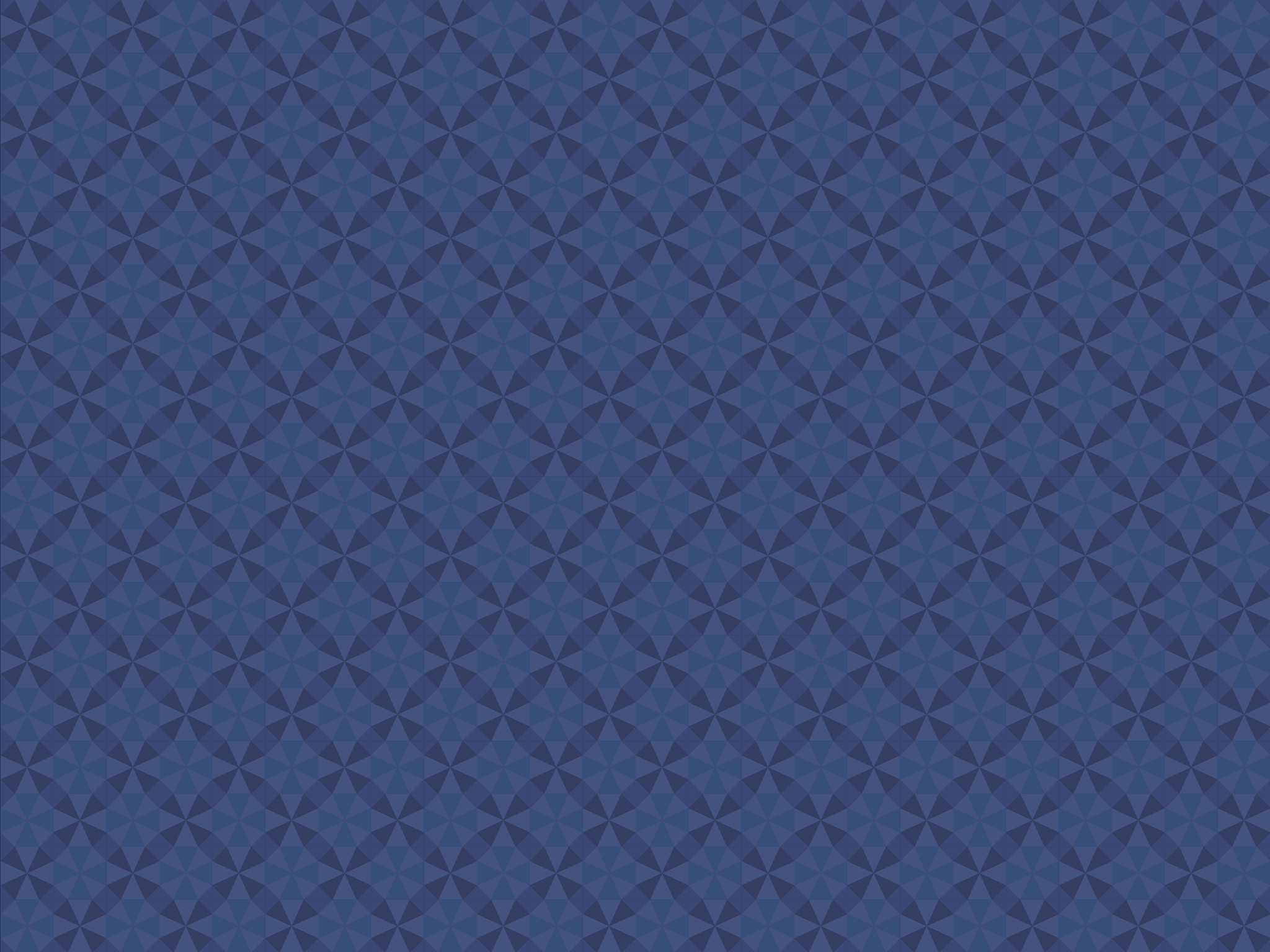
**Carol** VU 50 He is Born IL EST NÉ

**We Respond to the Word**

**Offering Invitation**

**Offertory** VU 55 In the Bleak Midwinter (v.4 only) CRANHAM

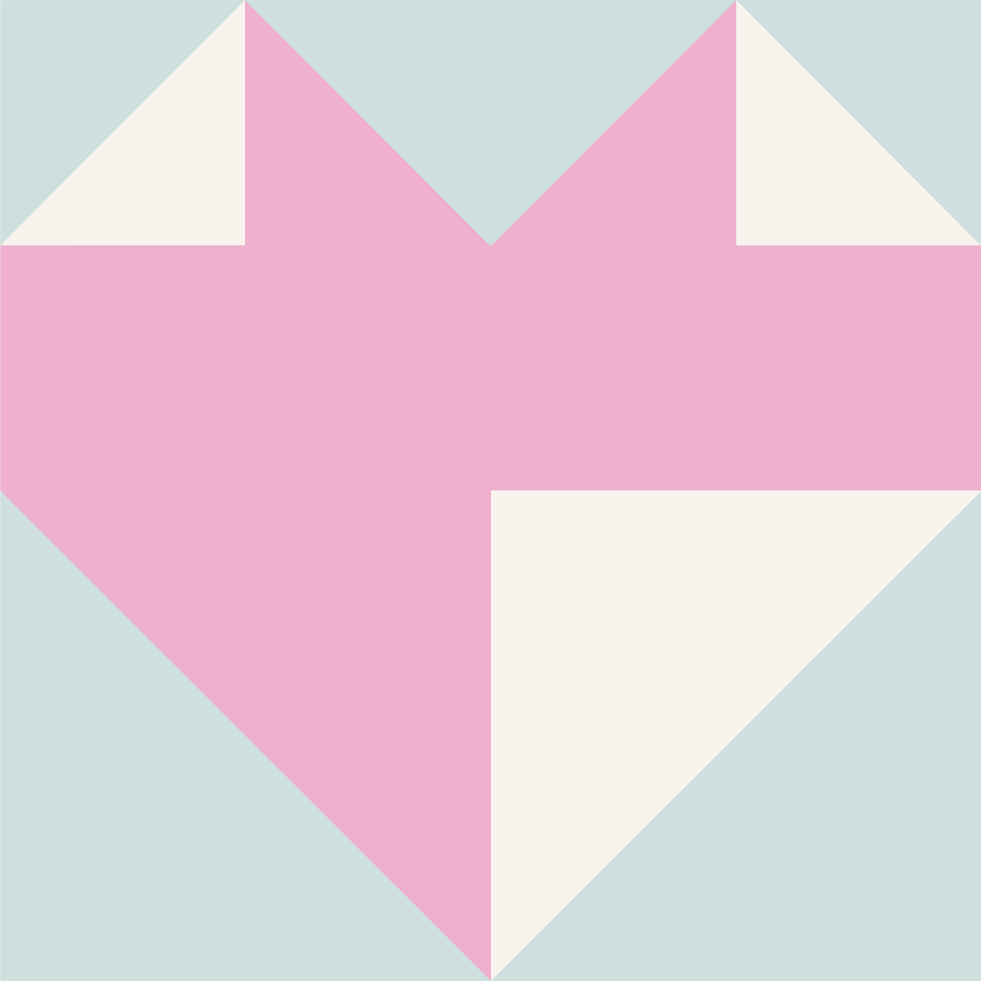
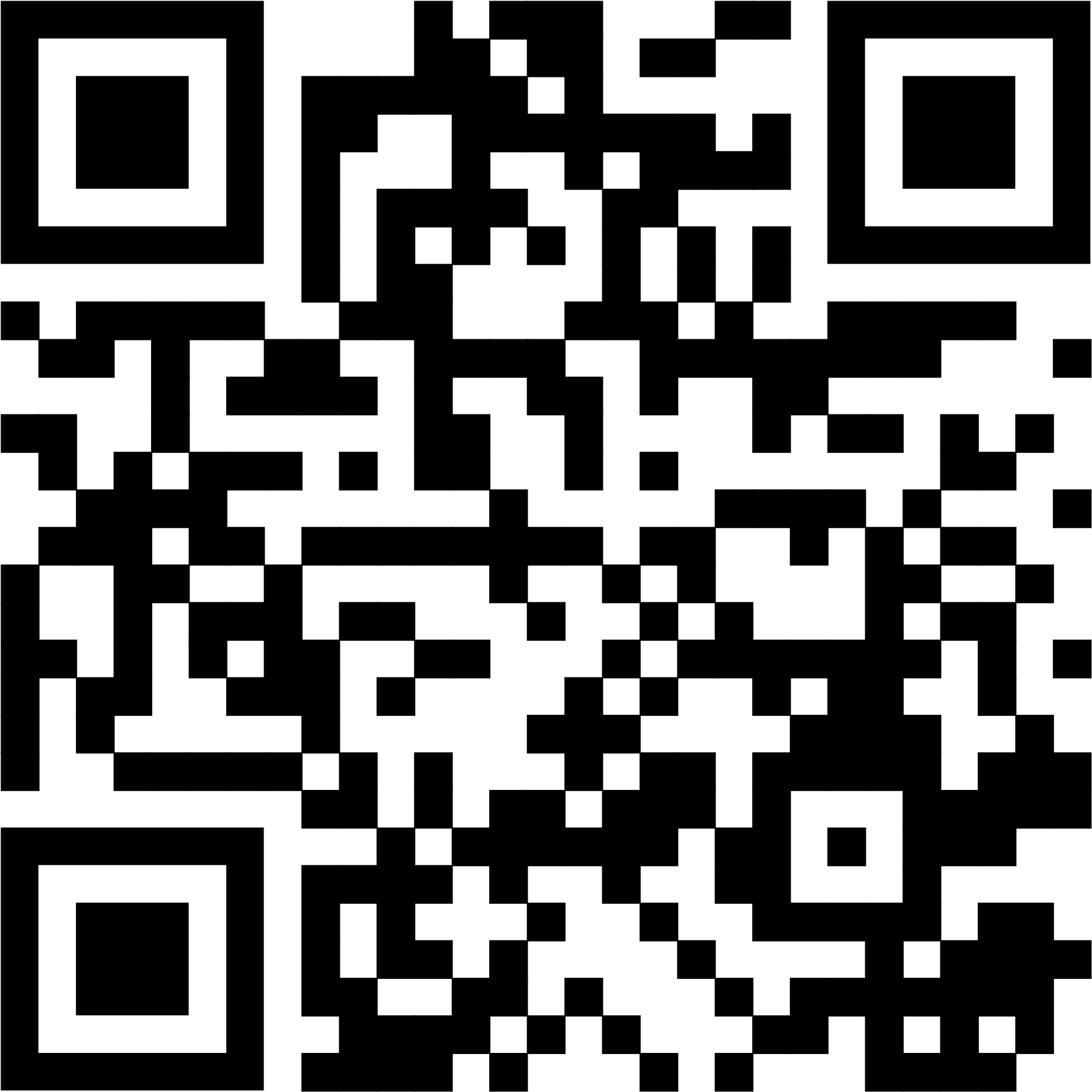
**Offering Dedication**

**Making Room for Mortimer**

**Carol** VU 67 Silent Night STILLE NACHT

**Blessing**

**Postlude**



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