

SALT SPRING ISLAND UNITED CHURCH

December 24th, 2011 Christmas Eve

A Service of Lessons and Carols

<b>Ministers:</b>	Rev. Ruth Cairns and the Congregation
<b>Music Director:</b>	Shirley Bunyan
<b>Trumpet:</b>	Brad Cronin
<b>French Horn:</b>	Rob Cronin
<b>Trombone:</b>	Geoff Cronin
<b>Flute:</b>	Christina Miller

*\*Denotes places in the service where the congregation is invited to stand, if able.*

**Prelude**

**\*Processional Carol:** O Come, All Ye Faithful: #60, vs. 1, 3, 5

**Call to Worship**

One: The light shines in the darkness!  
**All: The praising angels proclaim that light.**  
One: The light shines in the darkness!  
**All: The vulnerable baby, with his mother  
Mary, is the incarnation of the light.**  
One: The light shines in the darkness!  
**All: The powers of darkness, symbolized by  
Herod, cannot dim the light.**  
One: The light shines in the darkness!  
**All: The Way of Jesus; just, courageous,  
forgiving, full of love, is an eternal light.**

**Welcome**

**Lighting of Advent Candles and Christ Candle**

**Prayer:** *(in unison)* We enter into the Christmas miracle with determination to be worthy followers of Jesus: to listen carefully, to share generously, to act compassionately, to work justly, to forgive without reserve. We believe that if we respond faithfully to the way of Jesus, the miracle of Christmas will last the whole year through.

**Hymn:** A Candle Is Burning: #6, vs. 5

**Lesson I:** Isaiah 9: 2 - 3, 6 - 7 **Reader:** Rev. Ruth Cairns

**\*Carol:** It Came Upon the Midnight Clear: #44, vs. 1, 2, 4

**Lesson II:** Luke 1: 26 - 33 **Reader:** Arlene Dashwood

**Anthem:** Ave Maria *-Giulio Caccini*

**Lesson III:** Luke 2: 1 - 7 **Reader:** Brad Bunyan

**\*Carol:** Away In a Manger: #69

**Lesson IV:** Luke 2: 8 - 14 **Reader:** Dick Miller

**\*Carol:** Hark! the Herald Angels Sing: #48

**Lesson V:** Luke 2: 15 - 20 **Reader:** Pat Webber

**\*Carol:** O Little Town of Bethlehem: #64

**Meditation:** "Do not be afraid"

**\*Carol:** Go, Tell It On the Mountain: #43

## **Offering**

**\*Doxology:** In the Bleak Midwinter: #55, vs. 4

## **\*Dedication**

**\*Carol:** Angels We Have Heard On High: #38

## **Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer:** #959

## **Passing of Peace and Light**

*(You are invited to pass the flame and the peace of Christ along the row until each candle is lit. Please say: "The Peace of Christ be with you" and respond: "And also with you.")*

**\*Candlelit Carol:** Silent Night, Holy Night: #67

## **Blessing and Sending Forth**

*(In silence, extinguish your candles.)*

**\*Recessional Carol:** Joy To the World, #59

## **Postlude**

***Receptacles for candles will be provided at main exit door.***

You are invited to join us after the service for refreshments and  
Christmas greetings.

Church Office: 250-537-5812

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