

ORDER OF WORSHIP

1st Sunday of Christmas – December 30th, 2018 – 10:30 am

*Invites you to stand, as you are able

**You are invited to say or sing the bold print
PREPARATION & PRAYER**

MUSICAL PRELUDE

CHRIS NESS

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hewitt Holmes

How are you today? **We are blessed and highly favoured.**

LIGHTING THE CANDLE

GATHERING WORDS:

Robert Murdock

We have gathered to Worship God.

**We have come seeking comfort, inspiration,
community and insight.**

We have come to open ourselves to the power of God's presence
in our midst.

**We have come to offer up the seasons, the New Year,
the changes in our lives, and to ask God's help in our
learning and as we grow in our hearts and together as
a people.**

***HYMN:** VU#60 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

ADESTE FIDELES

1 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem:

come and behold him, born the King of angels;

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

2 God of God, light of light,

lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb;

very God, begotten, not created: R

- 3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God in the highest: R**
- 4 See how the shepherds summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps; R**
- 5 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: R**

OPENING PRAYER

Robert Murdock

We come to you, O God, our River of Life:

May we drink deeply and receive your grace.

We come to you, O God, our Rock of Ages:

May we stand in trust and receive your strength.

We come to you, O God, our Source of Compassion:

May we open our hearts and receive your healing love.

We come to you, O God, our Great Teacher and Guide:

May we share you message of love to everyone we meet. Amen.

Silent Prayer

THE PRAYER OF JESUS

Our Father (Creator), 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. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For

thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever, Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE: #958 "Halle, Halle, Halle"

CARIBBEAN

**Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

HYMN: "God Sees the Little Sparrow Fall"

Collier's Kids are invited to gather as the hymn is sung for a talk and prayer.

God sees the little sparrow fall,
It meets God's tender view
If God so loves the little birds, I know God loves me too.

God paints the lily of the field,
Perfumes each lily bell;
If God so loves the little flow'rs,
I know God loves me well.

God loves me too, God loves me too,
I know God loves me too;
Because God loves the little things,
I know God loves me too.

PROCLAMATION

BIBLE READING: Colossians 3:12-17 & Luke 2:41-52 Richard Moffat

¹²Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. ¹⁵Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you

teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Creator through him.

The Boy Jesus at the Temple ⁴¹ Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. ⁴² When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. ⁴³ After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. ⁴⁴ Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you."⁴⁹ "Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁵¹ Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵² And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and humanity.

*This is the Word of God, for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.***

MUSIC MINISTRY

CHRIS NESS

SERMON:

"Yalad – Bring Forth"

Hewitt Holmes

PEOPLE OF FAITH

***HYMN:** VU#71 "Twas in the Moon of Wintertime" JESOUS AHATONHIA

- 1 'Twas in the moon of wintertime,
when all the birds had fled,
that mighty Gitchi Manitou
sent angel choirs instead;
before their light the stars grew dim,
and wandering hunters heard the hymn:
 Jesus your King is born,
 Jesus is born,
 in excelsis gloria.**

- 2 Within a lodge of broken bark
the tender babe was found,
a ragged robe of rabbit skin
enwrapped his beauty round;
but as the hunter braves drew nigh,
the angel song rang loud and high: R**

- 3 The earliest moon of wintertime
is not so round and fair
as was the ring of glory on
the helpless infant there.
The chiefs from far before him knelt
with gifts of fox and beaver pelt. R**

- 4 O children of the forest free,
the angel song is true,
the holy child of earth and heaven
is born today for you.
Come, kneel before the radiant boy,
who brings you beauty, peace, and joy: R**

WE GIVE AND CARE

Offering Music

CHRIS NESS

*Offering Response: MV#191 "What Can I do?" WHAT CAN I DO?

**What Can I do? What Can I bring? What Can I say?
What Can I Sing? I'll Sing with Joy. I'll Say a Prayer.
I'll Bring my Love. I'll Do My Share.**

*Offering Prayer

Robert Murdock

PASTORAL PRAYERS

Robert Murdock

PEOPLE ON A JOURNEY

***HYMN:** VU#530 "All Beautiful the March of Days" FOREST GREEN

- 1 All beautiful the march of days,
as seasons come and go;
the hand that shaped the rose has wrought
the crystal of the snow,
has sent the silvery frost of heaven,
the flowing waters sealed,
and laid a silent loveliness
on hill and wood and field.**

- 2 O'er white expanses sparkling pure
the radiant morns unfold;
the solemn splendours of the night
burn brighter through the cold;
life mounts in every throbbing vein,
love deepens round the hearth,
and clearer sounds the angel hymn,
good will to all on earth.**

- 3 O God, from whose unfathomed law
the year in beauty flows,
yourself the vision passing by**

**in crystal and in rose;
day unto day declare thro' speech,
and night to night proclaim
in everchanging words of light
the wonder of your name.**

COMMISSIONING:

Go into the world; dance, laugh, sing and create.

We go with the assurance of your blessing, O God.

Go into the world: risk, explore, discover and love.

We go with the assurance of your grace, O God.

Go into the world; believe, hope, struggle and remember

We go with the assurance of your love, O God.

Go into the world: filled with the knowledge of the message of peace.

We go with the assurance of our eternal place with you, O God. Amen!

SENDING SONG: "Go Now in Peace"

N. Price/D. Besig

Go now in peace, never be afraid, God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know he will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen, amen, amen.¹

POSTLUDE

Chris Ness

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CHRISTMAS OFFICE CLOSURE

December 23-January 1, 2018

WORSHIP SUPPORT TEAM & INFORMATION

USHERS: *Team 7 – Joyce Moore, Mabel Peyer, Frank & Sharon Crossley, Leona Appleby, Dorothy Ramsay, Elisabeth Weber, Marilyn King*

WELCOMING ELDER: *Rob Murdock & Maureen Attwell Murdock*

HEARING ASSISTS *are available from an Usher.*

SCRIPTURE READERS *needed for worship? Contact Hewitt or Joyce Moore.*

PARKING *is available in the underground building next to the Lawyers office, on the streets and in the Church parking lot. WE kindly ask you NOT TO PARK your vehicle in the marked pathway between designated accessibility parking spots. Thank you!*

STAY CONNECTED...TODAY

WELCOME to worship at Collier. We are happy to have you with us. We ask our visitors to sign the book at the front main entrance. Feel free to worship the Holy One in Spirit and Truth. Please join us for a time of fellowship and refreshments in the Hall after the service. If you would

like to help with purchasing supplies and serving Tea/Coffee, please speak with Joyce Moore.

INTERIM – Organist is Chris Ness & Choir Director Sharon Saint.

THANK YOU – The staff wishes to thank everyone for their love in cards, phone calls and gifts over the Christmas Season. See you in 2019!

...AS WE WORSHIP GOD

Jan 6th Ps. 147:12-20; John 1:1-9 What's New?

Hewitt Holmes

Jan 13th Isaiah 43:1-7; Luke 3:15-17 *What a Presence?*

Hewitt Holmes

...AS WE LEARN & GROW IN FAITH

DAILY READING - *Physical Exercise is good but of limited value, Godliness is very dear, a pledge of life, both there and here. (1 Timothy 4:8).* So we spend some time with God and the Scriptures each day this week:

Mon., Dec. 31 – Rev. 22

Tues., Jan. 1 – Mt. 1

Wed. Jan. 2 – Mt. 2

Thurs., Jan. 3 - Mt. 3

Fri., Jan. 4 – Mt. 4

Sat., Jan. 5 – Mt. 5:1-26

...AS WE FORM COMMUNITY TOGETHER

POTLUCK – Congregation and friends on **January 12th at 6pm**, we will be having a great meal and fellowship in the gym. All are welcome, please bring a dish/dessert. For more information contact Leona 705-726-1884

CHAPEL - located on the 2nd floor, is open for daily prayer and meditation.

PRAYER REQUESTS - *write on a care card and place in the offering plate.* Please hold in your prayers the following (at their request): Melanie Moffat, Rid & Agnes Groves, Jim Lamont, Louise Hamilton, Carol Duckworth, Albert & Joyce Naylor, Ruby Johnston & Shirley Dunstan.

FACILITY RENTALS - We have the following facilities available for rent to support the needs of the community:-Church Hall, -Sanctuary, Meeting Rooms, Office Space. Available hourly, daily, weekly or monthly. Contact Vickie as indicated above.

COLLIER'S EMAIL NEWSLETTER - We are now sending occasional newsletter emails to congregants (weekly or bi-weekly) with Collier news, events and updates. We encourage you to sign up to receive these emails. You can either call the office to give them your email address, or go to the website - you can sign up right on the homepage under "Subscribe to our newsletter".

COLLIER'S KIDS & 10+ HANG OUTS - Both fall programs end Dec. 23rd. In January we begin on the 6th for Collier's kids and the 12th for the 10+ Hang Out.

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL LANDS – In January 2019, we will be placing birthdays and anniversaries in our bulletin. That is, the name and date for each week in the month. If you believe we don't have your dates, please speak to Vickie to update our records. We will also be acknowledging that Collier is on traditional lands. These will be done early in the service.

2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – The congregation AGM will be February 24th. Please forward your reports to the office by Thursday, January 31st. 2019 – officeadmin@collierunited.ca. Thank you.

The flowers in the sanctuary today have been placed there by Burn Hodgins in memory of his wife Muriel.

INCOME & EXPENSES to November 30, 2018

	Budget	Actual
Income		
Envelope Givings	187,920.00	172,871.48
*PAR	88,740	77,094.55
Open Plate	6,090.00	4,700.51
Church Dinners & Lenten Lunches		
Other	99,641.52	134,541.16
Sub Total	382,391.52	389,207.70
Expenses	415,286.14	431,262.64
Local Operating Balance as of November 30	(32,894.62)	(42,054.94)

Thank you for your financial support for the final quarter of the year. Please be reminded that *PAR: Pre-Authorized Remittance (Automatic Bank Withdrawal) is an available option which can be started, changed or cancelled at any time. Monica McArthur, **Treasurer**