

ORDER OF WORSHIP

1st Sunday of Christmas – December 31st, 2017

*You are invited to stand, if able

PRELUDE

Sarah Svendsen

WELCOME

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

***HYMN:** #48 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

MENDELSSOHN

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: #7 “Hope Is a Star”

MOON BEAMS

Collier’s Kids are invited to gather as the hymn is sung.

PRAYER WITH COLLIER’S KIDS

After prayer, the children may join their Helpers for Collier’s Kids.

READING FROM THE BIBLE: Luke 2:21-38

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

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

MESSAGE: “Worth the Wait”

Paul Ambridge

PRIVATE PRAYER OR SILENT MEDITATION

***HYMN:** #43 “Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

GO, TELL IT

WE PRESENT OUR OFFERINGS AND CARE CARDS

OFFERTORY

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***SUNG DEDICATION:** #55 “What Can I Give Him?”

CRANHAM

What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; if I were a wise man, I would do my part; yet what I can I give him give my heart.

***PRAYER FOR THE DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERINGS**

PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS / THE LORD’S PRAYER:

Our Father, 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.

***HYMN:** #633 “Bless Now, O God, the Journey”

THORNBURY

***BLESSING**

***SENDING CHORUS:** “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.

POSTLUDE

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