



ORDER OF WORSHIP

1st Sunday of Christmas, December 29th, 2019 – 10:30 am

*Invites you to stand, as you are able

You are invited to say or sing the bold print

WE PREPARE, PRAISE AND PRAY

MUSICAL PRELUDE: La Nativité (from Poèmes Evangéliques) Jean Langlais

WELCOME, BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

GATHERING WORDS:

Community Led

We are a people of the Church, the community of God,

**Let us rejoice in the birth of Jesus and the Good News
that is come.**

Our hearts are eager, our thoughts are with all who travel this road in hope,

Let us offer up this season of joy and celebration; and work to bring all of God's children onto this road of faith, secure in the knowledge that the Holy Spirit will bless us all.

***HYMN:** VU#62 "Once in Royal David's City"

IRBY

- 1 Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattleshed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed.
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.**

- 2 He came down to earth from heaven
who, with God, is over all,
and his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall.
There among the poor and lowly
lived on earth our Saviour holy.**

- 3 For he is our lifelong pattern;
daily, when on earth he grew,
he was tempted, scorned, rejected,
tears and smiles like us he knew.
Thus he feels for all our sadness,
and he shares in all our gladness.**

- 4 And our eyes at last shall see him,
through his own redeeming love;
for that child who seemed so helpless
is our Lord in heaven above;**

**and he leads his children on
to the place where he is gone.**

OPENING PRAYER

Robert Murdock

Come to us, Holy God, as we gather before you;
encircle us with your love.

Bless us with your sustaining presence;
surround us with your grace.

Draw us 'round your living Word;
and bind us to one another as disciples of Christ.

whose Spirit is in our midst;

Amen.

(Celebrate God's Presence-0G006)

SILENT PRAYER

THE PRAYER OF JESUS (The Lord's Prayer – Traditional): (VU, pg. 914)

**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: VU# 958 "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" CARIBBEAN

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

WE PROCLAIM THE GOODNEWS

HYMN: VU#73 "The Virgin Mary(Had a Baby Boy)" THE VIRGIN MARY

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

1 The virgin Mary had a baby boy,

**the virgin Mary had a baby boy,
the virgin Mary had a baby boy,
and they say that his name is Jesus.**

***He come from the glory, (clap, clap)
he come from the glorious kingdom.
He come from the glory, (clap, clap)
he come from the glorious kingdom.
Oh, yes! believer! Oh, yes! believer!
He come from the glory, (clap, clap)
he come from the glorious kingdom.***

**2 The angels sang when the baby was born,
the angels sang when the baby was born,
the angels sang when the baby was born,
and they say that his name is Jesus. R**

**3 The shepherds came where the baby was born,
the shepherds came where the baby was born,
the shepherds came where the baby was born,
and they say that his name is Jesus. R**

BIBLE READINGS: Matthew 2:13-23

The Escape to Egypt

¹³ When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him." ¹⁴ So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, ¹⁵ where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called my son."^[a] ¹⁶ When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the

time he had learned from the Magi. ¹⁷ Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

¹⁸ "A voice is heard in Ramah,
weeping and great mourning,
Rachel weeping for her children
and refusing to be comforted,
because they are no more."

The Return to Nazareth

¹⁹ After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt ²⁰ and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child's life are dead." ²¹ So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. ²² But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, ²³ and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets, that he would be called a Nazarene.

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

MUSIC MINISTRY: "O Holy Night" BARB WENZEL, IAN KNOX, CHOIR

SERMON: "Don't fear the road less travelled" *Robert Murdock*

WE RESPOND AS PEOPLE OF FAITH

***HYMN:** VU#35 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

IN DULCI JUBILO

**1 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice!
Give ye heed to what we say: News! News!
Jesus Christ is born today.
Ox and ass before him bow,**

and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

2 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice!
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Joy! Joy!
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened heaven's door,
and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

3 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice!
Now ye need not fear the grave: Peace! Peace!
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

WE GIVE AND CARE

Offering Music: Prelude on a Luther Hymn Gordon Young

*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.

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*Offering Prayer

Robert Murdock

PASTORAL PRAYERS

Robert Murdock

WE GO AS PEOPLE ON A JOURNEY

- 1 Angels we have heard on high
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply,
echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

- 2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heavenly song? R**

- 3 Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. R**

- 4 See him in a manger laid,
whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
while our hearts in love we raise. R**

***COMMISSIONING: (*with actions*)**

God be in my head, **and in my understanding;**

God be in my eyes **and in my looking;**

God be in my mouth **and in my speaking;**

God be in my heart, **and in my thinking;**

God be at my end, **and at my departing.**

***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 God 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 reaching out in love. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen, amen, amen.¹

POSTLUDE: In dulci jubilo – Ancient Carol arr. R.L. de Pearsall

John Charles

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Hewitt will be away from Dec. 26- Jan. 4, 2020.

WORSHIP SUPPORT TEAM & INFORMATION

USHERS: Team 4 –Ruth & Dave Wainwright, Laurie Crosson, Tom & Bev Stockdale, Peter Eddy,

Cathey & Reg Battaglia, Deb Tyler.

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!***

ACKNOWLEDGING THE LAND:

Collier Street United Church acknowledges that long before those of us who are settlers, and those of us who are descendants of settlers, came to this land, there were people here. We know these First Nations peoples were Haudenosaunee (Iroquois), Ojibway/Chippewa & Anishinabek, who made Treaty 16 possible. Today, as a community of faith, we seek to be good stewards and give thanks for this land and our commitment to live in right relations with all peoples.

...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. Today, we welcome back John Charles as guest organist and Rob Murdock as our worship leader and speaker.

MILESTONES



BIRTHDAYS – Stephen Carrod, Burn Hodgins(Dec. 30), Jennifer McDermott(Jan. 2), Leonard Duckworth, Richard Floyd, Sherry Hadley, Liam Lesperance(Jan. 3).

BIRTHDAY SONG: Happy birthday to you, to Jesus be true.
May God's richest blessing descend upon you!

...AS WE FORM COMMUNITY TOGETHER

COLLIER MISSION - In December we will be donating to the Canadian Food Grains Bank.

In November, Collier Mission raised \$1221.83 for The Salvation Army.

POTLUCK AT COLLIER – **Save the date** Sat. Jan. 11, 2020, Potluck dinner, hosted by Leona Appleby. Let Leona know if you can make it out and bring your friends.

CHRISTMAS BUILDING HOURS – The building will be closed for the holidays beginning December 23rd and reopening on January 2, 2020. We will be open for Christmas Eve and Sunday services.

JANUARY 2020 – WEDNESDAY OFFICE HOURS – The Administrator will be unavailable but in the building on Wednesdays, from January 8th. The best way to connect is by telephone message or email. Thanks for your patience and understanding (M & P).

SESSION AND OFFICIAL BOARD POSITIONS AVAILABLE – Would you like to serve on our team of supporting leaders starting May 2020? If you do, talk with Sharon Crossley about the 5-7 people needed for the Session, Lianne Patterson about the 3-4 people needed on the Official Board and Marg Valad for 2 people as Trustees.



PRAYER MINISTRY – Starting January, we will be praying for our Collier family. The names will be noted in the bulletin. We will also be praying for the City and the wider Church. Please include them in your personal and communal prayers.

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, Louise Hamilton, Carol Duckworth, Ruby Johnston, Shirley Dunstan & Steve Tilleczek.

PRAYER IN THE CHAPEL - *January 14 at 12 – 1 pm. Come with your prayer requests and prayers.*

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020 BOOKLET – We are ready to capture the happenings of 2019 in our AGM booklet. Please submit your articles to Vickie by **January 17** via email at

officeadmin@collierunited.ca. We are hoping to have the booklet ready for the end of the month. Thanks much.

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

...AS WE WORSHIP GOD

January: "The Power to ..."

Jan. 05	Mark 16:1-8 & Matt. 3:13-17	<i>The Power to Rise</i>	Hewitt Holmes
Jan. 12	Acts 4:32-35	<i>The Power to Belong</i>	Hewitt Holmes
Jan. 19	Acts 16:1-5	<i>The Power to Make A Difference</i>	Hewitt Holmes
Jan. 26	Luke 24:44-53	<i>The Power to Look Up</i>	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. 30 – Rev. 21

Tues., Dec. 31 – Rev. 22

Wed. Jan. 1 – Mt. 1

Thurs., Jan. 2 – Mt. 2

Fri., Jan. 3 – Mt. 3

Sat., Jan. 4 – Mt. 4

CHAPEL - located on the 2nd floor, is open for daily prayer and meditation. Communion in the Chapel will be January 26, 2020, after morning's worship.

...SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

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".

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