

Remembering your boundless love,
we offer our praise and proclaim our faith:

**Christ was born. Christ lived and died.
Christ comes again and again into our lives.**

God, we know that Your Spirit is poured on us and on these elements of bread and juice, and we pray that your love, peace and justice in the world may be born through us.

All praise to You, rejoicing in the Spirit of Jesus Christ, who lives among us, and the Holy Spirit, who binds us together in love. Amen.

BREAKING THE BREAD
GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP
PRAYER

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:1-14

Hymn # 74 "What Child Is This"

Meditation

Choir Anthem ~ "Christmas Time"

The Offering / Offertory Prayer

Offertory Hymn # 55 "In the Bleak Midwinter" verse 4

Prayers of the People
Benediction

*** Hymn # 67 "Silent Night, Holy Night"**

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Tecumseh United Church:
You already belong!



Tecumseh United Church

~ An Affirming Congregation ~

❖ Christmas Eve 2025 7pm ❖

We are a fragrance-free environment. We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Attawandaron, Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee peoples
* Please adopt the posture works best for you in singing

Advent Candle Lighting:

In this season of expectant waiting,
we have held hope in our hearts;

**hope that in the Infant Jesus
is our promise for transformation.**

(the candle of Hope is lit)

Hope leads us to pray for peace, acting peacefully to cultivate harmony in all our relations

In that peace, we find the Prince of Peace.

(the candle of Peace is lit)

Peace transforms into joyful celebration;
walls torn down, chasms filled, barriers levelled valleys bridged.
Joy inspires us to dance with abandon.

(the candle of Joy is lit)

Joy embraced, fosters love that makes all things new

And, in that newness

we discover the deep meaning of love shared.

(the candle of Love is lit)

Love, self-given through self-emptying, through humility shows us the Christ, still completely vulnerable yet filled with promise.

(the Christ candle is lit)

Hymn # 6 "A Candle Is Burning" verse 5

***Hymn # 60 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"**

Call to Worship:

Glory to God! It is a wonderful night!

The night we gather to share in the Christmas story!

The night we relive the marvel and excitement
of a newly born child.

**We come together as one in worship
and to adore Emmanuel, the child of God.**

We come tonight to experience God born anew within us all.

This is a holy night.

This is a night of wonder. Come, let us worship!

***Hymn # 48 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”**

Opening Prayer:

God of Innocence and Love,
you came on a cold, deep night
to lonely shepherds watching their flock.

Thank you, God of the starlit night!

Angels' voices rang out over the hills
with a story of a precious birth
and a hymn of rejoicing.

Thank you, God of angelic voices!

You were wrapped in swaddling cloth,
laid in an animal manger.
Your first visitors were animals and shepherds.

Thank you, God of the welcoming stable!

You brought with you new hope for tomorrow,
love and peace for the earth.

Thank you, God of new hope!

**On this night, with all the earth,
we are rejoicing. Amen.**

Children's Story - The Christmas Snowflake Choir by Rev Ryan

Hymn # 45 “Joy Is Now in Every Place” verse 1

Communion

God is with you.

And also with you.

Let us open our hearts to the Spirit of Christ, born a long time ago, and born again this night, in our lives.

We open our hearts to God, the Christ birthing now in our lives, and to one another-precious embodiments of Your creation.

We give thanks.

We thank God with joy.

God of humble births and the stars in the heavens,
we thank you for your persistent love for all creation.
We thank you for those who can see you and make
connections that lead toward meaning.

We thank you for those who are wise-who will journey
out to strange lands and unknown territories in search
for truth or to bring justice. We thank you for your
way of breathing life into us, and of helping us
to take deep breaths when we need them.

God of love, creativity, novelty, joy, meaning, peace and hope, in spite of all the challenges on earth and in our personal lives, we give thanks for Your persistence throughout the universe.

We rejoice in Your Word through Jesus the Christ, who
was born humbly, who communed with those others called
outcast, who lived a complex life that sought justice, who
died unfairly, and whose Spirit lives among us still.