CHRISTMAS EVE 7 & 9PM - ORDER OF SERVICE

(* indicates to rise as you are able in body or spirit)

Prelude: Star of Wonder (*written by Terri Roche*) | Performed by Julie Michels (she/her)

Welcome & Announcements: Rev. Deana Dudley (she/they)

***Processional Carol:** Hark the Herald Angels Sing (*written by Felix Mendelssohn*)/ Angels We Have Heard on High (*traditional French carol*)

Opening Prayer: Rev. Junia Joplin (she/her)

Solo: 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime (*The "Huron Carol" by Jean De Brébeuf*) | Performed by Julie Michels

Land Acknowledgement: Ayo Oluyemi (she/her) 7 PM, Debra Williams (she/her) 9 PM

Anthem: Sing We Now of Christmas (*French Carol, Arranged by Kyle Pederson*) Performed by the Choir of MCC Toronto, Beth Silver (she/her), cello

Reading: Matthew 2: 1-6 | Olukunle Oludare (he/him) 7 PM Rev. Dr. Brent Hawkes, C.M., Senior Pastor Emeritus (he/him) 9 PM

*Carol: Away in a Manger (written by William Kirkpatrick)

Solo: Heaven and Earth *(Written by Leslie Odom Jr.)* Performed by Troy Adams (he/him) and The Choir of MCC Toronto

Reading: Matthew 2: 7-12 | Ron Beben (he/him) 7 PM Janet Fitzsimmons (she/they) 9 PM

Anthem: The Shepherd's Song (Written by Pepper Choplin) | Performed by The Choir

Lesson For Life: Go For the Light | Rev. Deana Dudley (she/they)

Responsive: Star of Wonder (*Written by Terri Roche*) | Performed by Julie Michels

Prayers of the People: Uche Nweke (he/him) 7 PM, Rev. Junia Joplin 9 PM

*Jesus' Prayer

Offering Call: Andre Goh (he/him) 7 PM, Bradley Hickman (he/him) 9 PM

Offertory Music: Winter Song | Written and performed by Lauren Margison (she/her)

Sacrament of Communion

Alleluia *Because You Live

*Benediction: Rev. Deana Dudley *Choral Amen

Solo: O Holy Night (*Written by Adolphe Adam*) | Performed by Lauren Margison and The Choir

*Carol: Silent Night (written by Joseph Mohr)

*Closing Words: Rev. Deana Dudley

*Closing Carol: Go Tell It on the Mountain/ Joy to the World (traditional spiritual/ Three Dog Night)

CREDITS & THANKS

Music Director/Piano – Jason Jestadt (he/him) Conductor – Scott Christian (he/him) Percussion – Jamie Drake (he/him) Cello – Beth Silver (she/her) Bass – George Koller (he/him) Guitars – Rob Piltch (he/him) Tabla - Abbas Janmohamed (he/him)

Guest Soloists

Lauren Margison (she/her), Julie Michels (she/her)

The Choir of MCC Toronto

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