

Forest Hill United Church
'open doors, open hearts, open minds'



Christmas Day!
December 25, 2022 10 a.m.

WELCOME to worship!

Gathering

Welcome, Announcements & Acknowledgement:

Land Acknowledgement

At Forest Hill United Church, we acknowledge that our church is built on ancestral, traditional and unceded Wolastoqiyik (wolas-to-qiyik) land.

Declaration of a Safe Place

Forest Hill United Church is a safe place for people to gather, regardless of race, creed, age, cultural background, family status, sexual orientation and gender identity.

Introit:

Lighting All the Candles

Genesis 1: 3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good.

Gathering Prayer: (All)

God with us, we open our hearts and souls to the beauty of your kindom. We seek to hear the precious news once again that we might be continually renewed, transformed, and awed by your abundant love, everlasting peace, miraculous hope, and quenchless joy. May our praise and prayers be pleasing to you. May our lives reflect the beauty you have birthed in us. Amen. (Worship Ways)

Hymn: Hope Shines as the Solitary Star MV 220

John 1:9-10

Hymn: A Light Is Gleaming VU 82

Poem: "The Birth (Near Port William)" by Wendell Berry

Hymn: Away in a Manger VU 69

Psalm 98 – Voices United page 818 (Refrain 2)

Introduction of the Christingle

Special Music

Poem: The Risk of Birth, by Madeleine L'Engle
-silence-

John 3:19-21, 8:12, 9:5, 12:35-36, 46

A Brief Message – The Light Has Come

Lighting Our Christingles

Hymn: A Candle is Burning VU 6

A Christmas Prayer

Sung Response: Hope is a Star VU 7

**When God is a child there's joy in our song.
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,
and none shall be afraid.**

Closing Hymn: I Am the Light of the World VU 87

Commissioning and Blessing:

Choral Amen: VU 45 vs1

**Joy is now in every place,
Christmas lightens every face,
now be with us, in your grace,
O hear us, bless us, holy Jesus.**

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