

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



1st Sunday after Christmas
December 26, 2021 10 a.m.



WELCOME to worship!

Gathering

Prelude: Mary's Little Boy Child

Welcome, Acknowledgement & Announcements:

Lighting of the Christ Candle and Centering Prayer

Introit: VU 96

**Will you come and see the light from the stable door?
It is shining newly bright, though it shone before.
It will be your guiding star,
it will show you who you are;
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?**

Call to Worship:

We prepared our homes and our church for a joyful
celebration ...

and we celebrated the birth of the Baby Jesus.

We have come to give thanks for the many gifts we received
from family and friends ...

the best gift of all being the birth of Jesus.

We come filled with thankfulness for God, Jesus and the Holy
Spirit; All in One ...

as we prepare to worship together.

Gathering Prayer: (All)

**We prepared our homes and the church for the celebration
of Jesus birth. We gather now to celebrate our life in
Christ. We need your help on this journey. Please be with
us as we gather together to worship you today. Amen**

Opening Hymn: Mary Did You Know?

Intergenerational Time: An Ancient Tradition

Prayer that Jesus Taught: see insert

Hymn of Praise: Do You Hear What I Hear?

Prayer of Confession:

**God of the stable, stars and surprises,
of light and hope and new life:
open our eyes and hearts to your presence in our world,
forgive our obsession with property and possessions,
forgive our compromises and narrowness of vision.
Open us to your grace,
that we might hear again the song of the angels,
and respond with a song in our hearts,
and in our lives. Amen**

VU 63, Gordon Nodwell

Words of Assurance:

God loves humankind so much that Jesus was sent to live a
life of love and grace, specifically for us.

Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

1 Samuel 2: 18-20, 26

Psalms 148 VU 871 with sung refrain

Luke 2: 41-52

One: In this is the word of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God**

Reflection: What I Learned from John-Boy Walton

Special Music: Silent Night All Day Long by John Prine

