

First United Church, Mount Pearl Pastoral Charge
December 14th, 2025
Vespers Service

Welcome

Hymn: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus **VU 2**

The Prophecy Foretold

Call to Worship:

Come, people of God, the night is far gone, the day is near.

Welcome to celebrate the birth of hope.

Come with hearts open to mystery and wonder.

We come to worship the One who brings light to all nations.

Gathering Prayer: (unison)

God of all creation, in this season of waiting and expectation, we gather as seekers of light and bearers of hope. Open our hearts to your presence among us. May the story of Christ's birth renew our vision for justice, peace, and compassion in the world. Amen.

Offertory: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow **VU 541**

Offertory Prayer: (unison)

God of Bethlehem, in this Holy Child you give yourself fully to the world, sharing all that human life brings. Thank you for labouring to bring abundant life to birth among us. In response to your love, we offer our gifts: our strength and skills; our grateful hearts; our money to help others in need. Bless these gifts, that they may be a blessing to others in your name this Christmastide. Amen.

Hymn: Hope Is A Star **VU 7 vs 1** (remain seated)

ADVENT 1: The Candle of Hope

Hymn: Hope Is A Star **VU 7 vs 2** (remain seated)

ADVENT 2: The Candle of Peace

Hymn: Hope Is A Star **VU 7 vs 3** (remain seated)

ADVENT 3: The Candle of Joy

Hymn: Hope Is A Star **VU 7 vs 4** (remain seated)

ADVENT 4: The Candle of Love

Hymn: A Candle is Burning **VU 6**

The Story Begins:

A Virgin Conceives

Hymn: Mary, Women of the Promise **VU 16**

The Birth

Light for All People

Christmas Dialogue

Hymn: Good Christians Friends, Rejoice **VU 35**

Hymn: O Little Town of Bethlehem **VU 64**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response: Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ the newborn King.
VU 36 chorus

A Poem

Lighting the Christ Candle

Video

Hymn: Silent Night, Holy Night **VU 67**