

Visions United Spirit Gathering
December 13th, 2020 - Advent 3
 "When Angels Couldn't Sing"
 Singing a New Song in Strange COVID Times

Our Community Gathers

Prelude Oh What a Wonderful Gift John Foster (whistle) Daphna (piano)
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Welcome

God's Doors Are Open to All!
Open Doors · Open Minds · Open Hands · Open Hearts

Visions United seeks to be a safe place for people of all
 races, creeds, ages, cultural backgrounds,
 sexual orientations and gender identities to worship.

Song VU#35 *Good Christian Friends Rejoice (v.1&2)* *Lead: John & Daphna Pearson*
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Gathering Invitation

Shawn Redden

We invite you to bring your Advent Wreath to worship and light your Advent Candles with us:

Place the cloth
 prepare the table
 look for hope
 and light the candle.

Ring the bells
 bring out the cradle
 look for peace
 birthed in the stable.

Deck the halls
 and 'hark!' with angels -
 look for joy:
 Come, all ye faithful!

Lighting the Advent Wreath - Candle of Joy

John Russell and Isabelle Melancon

Song VU#7 *Hope Is a Star (v3, refrain - 'joy' in our song)*
Lead: Lorna Teed, Daphna Pearson & Brian Affleck(guitar)
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Theme Sharing

An Angel on the Shelf

Narration: Megan Smith-Landry

Song VU#60 O Come, All Ye Faithful (v.3 & refrain) *Lead: Charlotte & Jill Baycroft*
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We Listen for Wisdom

Scripture Luke 2:8-14 *Peggy Renton*

Drama “Angel Choir Practice” *Brian & Cheryl Botten*

Special Music “Good Christian Friends Rejoice” *Hillsborough Handbell Choir*

Reflection “All of You Are Angels” *Brian Botten*

We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

Song VU#58 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly (v.1 & 2) *Lead: Trudy Colpitts*
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Community at Prayer *Shawn Redden*

Gratitude & Dedication of Our Gifts

Video: Advent Christmas Message of Gratitude
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yUf3zpdXMkk&feature=youtu.be&ab_channel=TheUnitedChurchofCanada&mc_cid=a19120e4df&mc_eid=55763056fb

We Go Forth to Be a Blessing

Announcements *Shawn Redden*

Blessing & Changing of the Light *Shawn Redden*

Song VU#73 The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy (v.1 & 2) *Lead by Brian Affleck (guitar),
 Peter Lightfoot, John and Daphna Pearson, Lorna Teed, Trudy Colpitts*
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Thank You for Joining Us!
May Each of Us Carry the Spirit into the world with us.