

# Quispamsis United Church

*January 1, 2023 - Genealogy of Jesus*

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## GATHERING TOGETHER

**Opening Music**    Appalachian Christmas Carol - arr. John Ness Beck

### **Lighting the Christ Candle:**

We light this candle as a reminder of the ways that Christ, the Word of God made flesh, guides us through our lives. As the light scatters the darkness, the word opens us up to new paths and new hopes. May we find our way together in the light of Christ this day.

### **Welcome & Lighting of Affirm Candle**

**Acknowledgement of Territories**

**Celebrations & Announcements**

### **Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

### **Call to Worship (Responsive):**

Shout to the Lord your praises!

**Sing to the Lord the joy of this day!**

For God's might and power are established in the universe!

**God's transforming love beckons us.**

Come, let us worship God whose Light bursts forth into our darkness!

**Let us praise the God of salvation who brings us home. AMEN.**

### **Prayer of the Day:**

Holy Ancestor, Divine Parent of all, you blessed Jesus with a rich line of diverse and interesting ancestors. With his coming you took old and ancient grievances and resolved them, You restored the Children of Abraham erasing the sins of Lot, Judah, Israel, David and the Kings of Judah indeed all of

humanity has been forgiven. As we enter into a new year help us to accept the atonement 'God with us' has made for us. We pray this knowing will set us on The Way blessing and renewing our families; those related by blood and those whom you have brought to us by love, to love. For the sake of Jesus Christ and the furtherance of Your Kingdom we pray. Amen.

**Hymn:**

Good Christian Friends Rejoice

VU# 35

**Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice!**

**Give ye heed to what we say: News! News!**

**Jesus Christ is born today.**

**Ox and ass before him bow,  
and he is in the manger now.**

**Christ is born today! Christ is born today!**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice!**

**Now ye hear of endless bliss: Joy! Joy!**

**Jesus Christ was born for this!**

**He hath opened heaven's door,  
and we are blest forevermore.**

**Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice!**

**Now ye need not fear the grave: Peace! Peace!**

**Jesus Christ was born to save!**

**Calls you one and calls you all  
to gain his everlasting hall.**

**Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!**

## **LISTENING FOR TRUTH**

### **Theme Conversation**

**Reading:** Matthew 1:1 - 17

An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of King David. And David was the father of Solomon

by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Salathiel, and Salathiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah. So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations. and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**     **“It Is No Secret” - Greta & Layton**

**Message**    **Jesus Ancestry.com**

### **RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

**Hymn:**

T'was In the Moon of Wintertime  
**'Twas in the moon of wintertime,  
when all the birds had fled,  
that mighty Gitchi Manitou  
sent angel choirs instead;  
before their light the stars grew dim,  
and wandering hunters heard the hymn:  
Jesus your King is born,  
Jesus is born,  
in excelsis gloria.**

VU# 71

**Within a lodge of broken bark  
the tender babe was found,  
a ragged robe of rabbit skin  
enwrapped his beauty round;  
but as the hunter braves drew nigh,  
the angel song rang loud and high: R**

**The earliest moon of wintertime  
is not so round and fair  
as was the ring of glory on  
the helpless infant there.  
The chiefs from far before him knelt  
with gifts of fox and beaver pelt. R**

**O children of the forest free,  
the angel song is true,  
the holy child of earth and heaven  
is born today for you.  
Come, kneel before the radiant boy,  
who brings you beauty, peace, and joy: R**

### **How Can I Give?**

1/ If you have internet banking, you can E-transfer funds to QUC by sending the funds to [QUC@nb.aibn.com](mailto:QUC@nb.aibn.com). Do not forget to send a separate email with the answer to your security question.

2/ Go to [www.CanadaHelps.org](http://www.CanadaHelps.org) and search for Quispamsis United Church. You can give to the church by using your credit card. The address says Gondola Point, do not worry, that is us.

3/ Mail or deliver your giving's to our treasurer, Brion Crossman, 22 Country Crescent, Quispamsis, E2E 1T2

4/ You can sign up for a pre-authorized remittance (PAR) donation which comes out of your bank account or credit card once a month. You can cancel this at any time. Contact Brion Crossman at 849-6003 for details.

5/ if you come for in-person worship, there is a plate as you enter the church where you can place your offering.

6/ As we consider the greater work of the United Church consider giving to Mission and Service Fund through your regular offering or at <https://united-church.ca>

### **Offertory Dedication Hymn:**

In the bleak midwinter  
**What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;  
yet what I can I give him -- give my heart.**

VU 55 (vs 4)

**Prayer of Dedication (Unison):**

**Abba, unto you we bring the gifts of the fruits of the labours of our hands and the gifts of our hearts. With attitudes of the shepherds in Luke and the sages in Matthew we give and ask that you accept our gifts and use them to the furtherance of your Kingdom here in the KV and throughout the whole world. We ask in Jesus name. Amen**

**Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer**

*Prayer requests*

**Hymn:**

See Amid the Winter's Snow  
See amid the winter's snow,  
born for us on earth below,  
see, the tender Lamb appears,  
promised from eternal years.  
*Hail, thou ever-blessed morn;  
hail, redemption's happy dawn;  
sing through all Jerusalem,  
Christ is born in Bethlehem.*

VU# 76

Lo, within a manger lies  
God who built the starry skies,  
who enthroned in height sublime  
sits amid the cherubim. R

Say, ye holy shepherds, say  
what your joyful news today;  
wherefore have ye left your sheep  
on the lonely mountain steep? R

'As we watched at dead of night,  
lo, we saw a wondrous light;  
angels singing 'Peace on earth'  
told us of the Saviour's birth.' R

Sacred infant, all divine,  
what a mighty love was thine,  
thus to come from highest bliss  
down to such a world as this! R

## SENDING FORTH

### **Commissioning & Benediction (Unison):**

**Now Go forth to fulfill your high calling as a servant of the Lord Jesus Christ, proclaim it from the rooftops, proclaim it in the valleys and Go Tell it on the mountaintops, that God is with us. Your sins have been forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### **Choral Closing:**

Go, Tell It on the Mountain  
**Go, tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and everywhere.  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is born.**

VU# 43 (Refrain only)

### **Closing Music**

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen - arr. John Ness Beck