

SUMMERLEA UNITED CHURCH
225, 50th Avenue, Lachine



Christmas Eve Family Service

December 24, 2024 – 7:00pm

Welcome to our community as we worship together.

Bienvenue à l'Église Summerlea.

There are no visitors here, for we are all part of the family of God.

Summerlea United Church is located on land that has long served as a site of meeting and exchange amongst Indigenous peoples and nations. We honor, recognize, and respect these nations as the traditional stewards of the lands and waters on which we meet today.

We Gather

Prelude

Introit

Words of Welcome

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Upon this night, the Light has come among us.

We behold the light of Christ and sing Hallelujah!

Christ was born and dwells among us, full of grace and truth.

We behold the light of Christ and sing Hallelujah!

The candle is lit.

Hymn "A Candle Is Burning"

VU 6, Vv. 1 & 5

Prayer of Approach

Readings

Connie Osborne

Isaiah 9:2-7 – One will come.

Luke 2:1-14 – The birth of Jesus.

Église Unie Summerlea United Church

Sunday, December 24 2024 dimanche, 24 décembre

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Hymn "Silent Night, Holy Night"

VU 67

Expect the Unexpected -

Adapted from Cloth for the Cradle (Iona Community)

By Reverend Beryl Barraclough

Hymn "Away in a Manger"

VU 69



Invitation to the Offering

Tonight's offering will be sent to the William Hunter Fund. The Fund began at Summerlea 30 years ago as a memorial to Rev. William Hunter, who joined the ministry from our congregation. Bill died suddenly during emergency surgery after his first year in ministry, and this fund was our way of remembering his contribution. All loose offerings collected at the Christmas Eve service helps the Outreach Committee's objective of supporting children while they attend school, in other countries. Thank you for your generosity.

Prayer on the Offering

Bless our offering loving God. Bless those who gave them and those who will benefit from them.
Grant that our efforts to better our world be fruitful for our children, for us and all those who will come after us.
Amen.

Offertory Hymn "God of Love"

on the tune of Edelweiss

God of Love

Hear our prayer

Bless this offering we bring you

May our lives do your will

Grant us guard us forever.

Give us courage to stand for truth

Help us care for others

God of Love

Hear our prayers

Bless the offerings we bring you.

Pastoral Prayer for Christmas

Blessing

Closing Hymn "O Holy Night"

Postlude



*Wishing you and your family a blessed Christmas,
Rev Christine, Rev Beryl, Lucia, Colleen & George*

