

# Scout Carol Service 11 December 2022 at 6:00 pm in St. Ignatius', Carryduff



## Welcome and Introduction

### Hymn 172 v 1,2,6,7b O Come all ye faithful

1 O come, all ye faithful,  
joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
come and behold him,  
born, the King of angels;

6 Sing, choirs of angels,  
sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
“Glory to God  
in the highest:”

*O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

2 God of God,  
Light of Light,  
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
very God,  
begotten, not created:

Yea, Lord we bless thee,  
Born for our salvation,  
Jesu, to thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father,  
Now in flesh appearing:

## Reading by a Scout

## Luke 1:26-38

The Birth of Jesus Is Announced In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy God sent the angel Gabriel to a town in Galilee named Nazareth. He had a message for a young woman promised in marriage to a man named Joseph, who was a descendant of King David. Her name was Mary. The angel came to her and said, "Peace be with you! The Lord is with you and has greatly blessed you!" Mary was deeply troubled by the angel's message, and she wondered what his words meant. The angel said to her, "Don't be afraid, Mary; God has been gracious to you. You will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High God. The Lord God will make him a king, as his ancestor David was, and he will be the king of the descendants of Jacob for ever; his kingdom will never end!" Mary said to the angel, "I am a virgin. How, then, can this be?" The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and God's power will rest upon you. For this reason the holy child will be called the Son of God. Remember your relative Elizabeth. It is said that she cannot have children, but she herself is now six months pregnant, even though she is very old. For there is nothing that God cannot do." "I am the Lord's servant," said Mary; "may it happen to me as you have said." And the angel left her.

## Hymn 182 - Silent Night

1 Silent night, holy night,  
all is calm, all is bright  
round yon virgin mother and child.  
Holy Infant so tender and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace,  
sleep in heavenly peace.

2 Silent night, holy night,  
shepherds quake at the sight,  
glories stream from heaven afar,  
heavenly hosts sing alleluia;  
Christ the Saviour is born!  
Christ the Saviour is born!

3 Silent night, holy night,  
Son of God, love's pure light  
radiant beams from thy holy face,  
with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.



### Reading by a Cub Scout

**Luke 2:1-7**

The Birth of Jesus At that time the Emperor Augustus ordered a census to be taken throughout the Roman Empire. When this first census took place, Quirinius was the governor of Syria. Everyone, then, went to register himself, each to his own town. Joseph went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to the town of Bethlehem in Judea, the birthplace of King David. Joseph went there because he was a descendant of David. He went to register with Mary, who was promised in marriage to him. She was pregnant, and while they were in Bethlehem, the time came for her to have her baby. She gave birth to her first son, wrapped him in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger—there was no room for them to stay in the inn.

### Hymn TP 123 - See him lying on a bed of straw

1 See him lying on a bed of straw:  
a draughty stable with an open door;  
Mary cradling the babe she bore,  
the prince of glory is his name'

2 Star of silver, sweep across the skies,  
show where Jesus in the manger lies;  
shepherds, swiftly from your stupor rise  
to see the saviour of the world!

*O now carry me to Bethlehem  
to see the Lord of love again:  
just as poor as was the stable then,  
the prince of glory when he came.*

3 Angels, sing again the song you sang,  
sing the story of God's gracious plan;  
sing that Beth'lem's little baby can  
be the saviour of us all.

4 Mine are riches, from your poverty,  
from your innocence, eternity;  
mine, forgiveness by your death for me,  
child of sorrow for my joy.

### Reading by a Beaver

**Luke 2:8-14**

The Shepherds and the Angels There were some shepherds in that part of the country who were spending the night in the fields, taking care of their flocks. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone over them. They were terribly afraid, but the angel said to them, "Don't be afraid! I am here with good news for you, which will bring great joy to all the people. This very day in David's town your Saviour was born—Christ the Lord! And this is what will prove it to you: you will find a baby wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great army of heaven's angels appeared with the angel, singing praises to God: "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom he is pleased!"

### Hymn 149 - Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;  
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from on high,  
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.



Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay  
close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,  
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

### Reading by a Squirrel

**Luke 2:15-16**

When the angels went away from them back into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us." So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph and saw the baby lying in the manger.

### Offering Hymn 188 - While Shepherds

While shepherds watched their flocks by  
night,  
all seated on the ground,  
the angel of the Lord came down,  
and glory shone around.

"The heavenly Babe you there shall find  
to human view displayed,  
all meanly wrapped in swathing clothes,  
and in a manger laid."

2 "Fear not," said he (for mighty dread  
had seized their troubled mind),  
"glad tidings of great joy I bring  
to you and all mankind.

Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith  
appeared a shining throng  
of angels, praising God, who thus  
addressed their joyful song

3 "To you, in David's town, this day,  
is born of David's line  
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;  
and this shall be the sign.

"All glory be to God on high,  
and to the earth be peace!  
Goodwill henceforth from heaven to  
earth  
begin and never cease"

### Reading by an Explorer Scout

**Titus 2:11-14, 3:3-7**

God has revealed his grace for the salvation of the whole human race. That grace instructs us to give up ungodly living and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in this world, as we wait for the blessed Day we hope for, when the glory of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ will appear. He gave himself for us, to rescue us from all wickedness and to make us a pure people who belong to him alone and are eager to do good.

For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, and wrong. We were slaves to passions and pleasures of all kinds. We spent our lives in malice and envy; others hated us and we hated them. But when the kindness and love of God our Saviour was revealed, he saved us. It was not because of any good deeds that we ourselves had done, but because of his own mercy that he saved us, through the Holy Spirit, who gives us new birth and new life by washing us. God poured out the Holy Spirit abundantly on us through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that by his grace we might be put right with God and come into possession of the eternal life we hope for.

# The Christmas List- Stephen Lowry

## Christmas Blessing

### Closing Hymn 166 Joy to the world

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room,  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns!  
Let all their songs employ;  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.

### Closing Song - We wish you a merry Christmas

We wish you a merry Christmas  
We wish you a merry Christmas  
We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year  
Good tidings we bring to you and your kin  
We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year

### Refreshments

You are warmly encouraged to go into the church hall adjacent to enjoy refreshments supplied by the supporters of our Scout Movement in Carryduff.

### Coming Soon

#### Tomorrow night :

**7:30 pm Christmas with Cadenza:** a musical concert in this church led by Michael McCracken and the members of Cadenza. *Entrance £12:00 Children under 12 Free.*

#### Next Sunday:

**10:00 am Nativity for children** followed by refreshments

**3:00 pm Combined Carols Service in St Andrew's** followed by refreshments

#### Christmas Eve and Day:

**11:00 pm Midnight Carols and Communion** (Start at 11 with refreshments)

**10:30 am Christmas Morning Service for all** (35 minutes)

