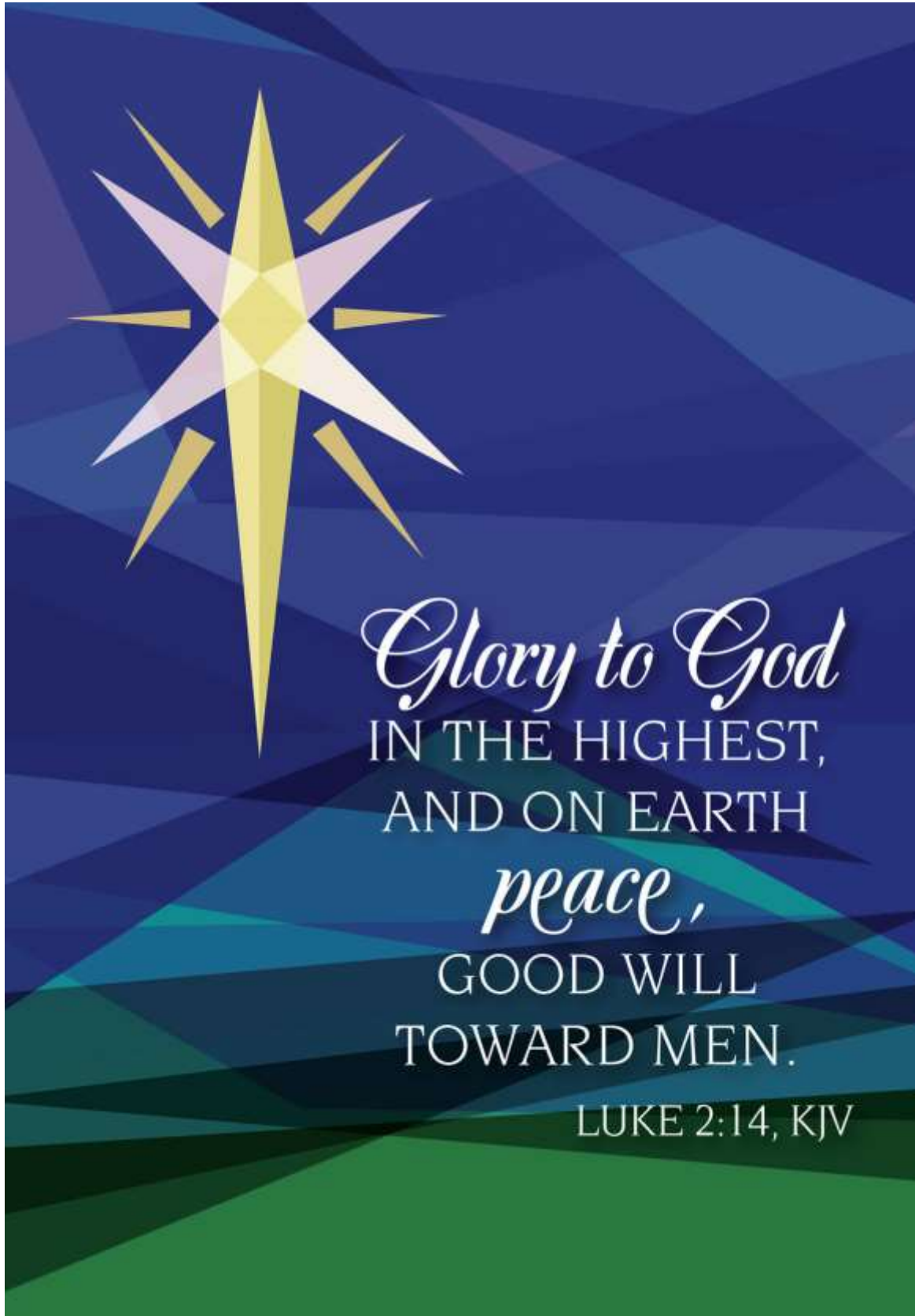


**W-K United Mennonite Church  
Christmas Eve**



*Glory to God*

IN THE HIGHEST,  
AND ON EARTH

*peace,*

GOOD WILL  
TOWARD MEN.

LUKE 2:14, KJV

**Sunday, December 24, 2017 7:00 p.m.**  
**A Service of Lessons and Carols, Candlelight and Communion**



**Prelude**

**Call to Worship**

Welcome and Prayer

Hymn: "O come, O come, Immanuel" vs. 1,3,6 Stand **HWB # 172**

**Lesson 1 All Creation Waits**

Scripture Reading: Romans 8: 18-25

Hymn: "Come, thou long-expected Jesus" Seated **HWB # 178**

**Lesson 2 The Light Shines in the Darkness**

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7a

Leader: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.

*Right: On those living in a pitch-dark land, light has dawned.*

*Left: A child is born to us, a son is given to us,  
and authority will be on his shoulders.*

*Right: He will be named Wonderful Counsellor,  
Mighty God, Eternal Father,  
Prince of Peace.*

*Left: There will be vast authority and endless  
peace for David's throne and for his  
kingdom,*

**All: Establishing and sustaining it with  
justice and righteousness now and forever.**

Hymn: "Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming" Seated **HWB # 211**

**Lesson 3 The Promise of Salvation**

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 52: 7-10

Hymn: "Comfort, comfort, O my people" Seated **HWB # 176**



## Lesson 4 The Angel Gabriel greets Mary

Scripture Reading: Luke 1: 26-35, 38

Hymn: *"The angel Gabriel"* Stand HWB # 180

Reading: "When the Angel Spoke" Thomas Merton, *The Ascent to Truth*

Hymn: *Sing we a song of high revolt"* Stand STS # 13

## Lesson 5 The Light of Christ Comes into the World

Scripture Reading: Luke 2: 1-7

Hymn: *"What child is this"* Seated HWB # 215

Lighting of the Christ Candle

## Lesson 6 The Shepherds go to the Manger

Scripture Reading: Luke 2: 8-14

Hymn: *"Angels we have heard on high"* Stand HWB # 197

Communion

Hymn: *"Hark! The herald angels sing"* Stand HWB # 201

## Lesson 7 The Light Shines

Scripture Reading: John 1: 1-5, 9, 14

Congregational Candle Lighting

Hymn: *"Away in a manger"* Seated HWB # 194

Hymn: *"Silent Night"* Seated HWB # 193

Hymn: *"O come, all ye faithful"* Stand HWB # 212

## Benediction

Benediction

Hymn: *"Joy to the world"* Stand HWB # 318

***Please process out with candle still lit. At the back of the sanctuary, extinguish your candle and place it in the bin.***

Postlude



## Christmas Eve Offering

Our Christmas Eve offering this year is in support of MEDA Livelihoods for Life. Every \$200 helps alleviate systemic poverty for 40 families by creating sustainable livelihood opportunities around the world. As you depart, offerings can be placed in the baskets at the back of the sanctuary, beside where you return your candles.

Please make any cheques payable to Waterloo-Kitchener United Mennonite Church.

## Service Participants

Karen Watson, Salah Alfulaihi, Laura Enns, Elysse Cassels, Ben Cassels, Laurie Staller, Andy Staller, Crystal Francis, Chris Francis, Nancy Pauls, Karen Enns, Paul Eitzen, Dale Enns, Pauline Weiland, John Krotz, Helen Baergen, John Reimer, Rita Reimer

Join us **Christmas Day** to give the “gift of presence” as we worship at **Parkwood Mennonite Home in the Auditorium at 10:00 a.m.** Worship will be led by Rev. Beverly Suderman-Gladwell and Rev. Catherine Hunsberger

