

◆ **MELROSE UNITED CHURCH** ◆

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◆ **3 DECEMBER, 2017 - 7:30 p.m.** ◆

Candlelight Carol Service

MELROSE UNITED CHURCH

◆ SUNDAY, 3 December 2017 ◆

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

* indicates a time to stand, if you are able

PRELUDE – Noël L. Daquin
– Divinum Mysterium W. Held

* PROCESSIONAL CAROL – *Once in Royal David's City* VU 62

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

* CAROL – *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* VU 1

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 9: 2, 6 – 7

CHOIR ANTHEM – *Jesous Ahatonia* Healey Willan, arr.

SECOND LESSON: Luke 1: 26 – 33, 38

* CAROL – *In the Bleak Midwinter* VU 55

CHOIR ANTHEM – *Love Came Down at Christmas*
Dale Wood, arr.

THIRD LESSON: Luke 2: 1, 3 – 7

* CAROL – *Away in a Manger* VU 69

CHOIR ANTHEM – Silent Night

Franz Gruber, arr. Tedd Firth and Judith Clurman

Soloist: Allana Stevenson, soprano

FOURTH LESSON: Matthew 2: 1-11

HARP SOLO: Interlude, from *A Ceremony of Carols*

B. Britten

★ CAROL – *O Come, All Ye Faithful* (vs. 1,2,3)

VU 60

DUET – The Holly and the Ivy

Richard Walters, arr.

Soloists: Emily Warren, Barb Bloemhof

FIFTH LESSON: Luke 2: 8 – 12

CHOIR ANTHEM – Swedish Carol

Charles Black, arr.

★ CAROL – *Joy to the World*

VU 59

SIXTH LESSON: Luke 2: 13 – 20

SOLO – Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Zion, from *Messiah*

G. F. Handel

Soloist: Allana Stevenson, soprano

★ CAROL – *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

VU 48

SEVENTH LESSON: John 1: 1 – 14

SOLO – I Wonder As I Wander

J.J. Niles

Soloist: Chris Palmer

CHOIR ANTHEM – God’s Delight at Bethlehem

Francis Patrick O’Brien

★ OFFERING PRAYER

★ BLESSING

★ RECESSIONAL CAROL – *See amid the Winter’s Snow*

VU 76

All are welcome for a festive reception in the parlour



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT MELROSE

We celebrate together the coming of the Christ Child into our hearts and into the world. All are welcome!

WORSHIP SERVICES		
Sunday December 3 Advent 1	10:30 a.m. 7:30 p.m.	Hope White Gifts for Wesley Sacrament of Holy Communion Candlelight Carol Service A service led by our choir with readings, carols and anthems.
Sunday December 10 Advent 2	10:30 a.m.	Peace
Sunday December 17 Advent 3	10:30 a.m.	Joy
Tuesday December 19	7:00 p.m.	<i>A Light in the December Darkness</i> A quiet service of hope for those who are grieving, sad, lonely, or weary.
Sunday December 24 Advent 4 Christmas Eve	10:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 10:30 p.m.	Love <i>Christmas for All Ages</i> <i>Candlelight Communion</i>
Sunday December 31 First Sunday after Christmas	10:30 a.m.	Informal worship – a story-telling time for all ages in the Chapel.
SPECIAL EVENTS		
Saturday December 9	9:00 a.m.	<i>Santa's Breakfast</i> A fun informal morning featuring yummy breakfast, an age appropriate gift for all children attending and the opportunity to meet and take photos with Santa Claus.
Wednesday December 13	6:15 p.m.	Women In Touch Christmas Potluck Dinner

WITH THANKS TO...

CHANCEL CHOIR

Soprano: Sylvia Chitty, Carolyn Duff, Margaret Duff, Allana Stevenson (choral soloist), Emily Warren, Gwyneth Xagoraris

Alto: Barb Bloemhof, Dianne Coons, Jean Dalrymple, Janet Kronick, Sally Luke, Gillian Webster

Tenor: Michael Innes, Jim Kraemer

Bass: David Duff, Chris Palmer (choral soloist), Tim Webb

MUSICIANS

Allana Stevenson, flute

Siobhan Kerr, harp

The Rev. Dr. Philip Gardner, organ

Alexander Cann, organ, piano

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Alexander Cann

SCRIPTURE READERS

Allan Hannaford, Margaret Duff, Tim Webb, Cheryl Evans, Eric Windhorst, Alexander Cann, Rev. Dr. Philip Gardner

CANDLE LIGHTERS / USHERS

Shari Saunders and Rodger Coons

CANDLE SAFETY & LIGHTING

Allan Hannaford and Cheryl Evans

COVER PHOTO

Melrose Annunciation Window taken by: Brian Gedcke

The creative efforts of all who contributed to this evening's music
are greatly appreciated.

Many thanks to all who helped prepare the post-concert reception
in the auditorium tonight. Thank you also to all who have
donated the delicious goodies.

Give each new day its

Own good cheer

All other days apart,

And every day

Throughout the year

Keep Christmas in your heart.

- Albert Durant Watson Brand

