



The figures which make up St Paul's crèche have been an integral part of our Christmas celebrations for many years.

They were donated in December 1974 by the artist Doris McCarthy, thanks to the efforts of the late Madeleine Moir, a long-time friend of the artist and member of St. Paul's. Doris was well known for her painting of landscapes from Newfoundland, to the Rocky Mountains, to the Arctic.

The figures were restored recently thanks to the generous donation from Madeleine Moir's estate and the combined efforts of Ann Bird and Bob Bassett.

May this eternal truth be always on our hearts:  
That the God who breathed this world into being  
Placed stars into the heavens,  
And designed a butterfly's wing,  
Is the God who entrusted his life  
to the care of ordinary people  
became vulnerable that we might know  
how strong is the power of Love.  
A mystery so deep it is impossible to grasp.  
A mystery so beautiful it is impossible to ignore.

*From Contemporary and traditional prayers for Christmas.*  
Iona Community.

## Welcome to St. Paul's Anglican Church, Almonte

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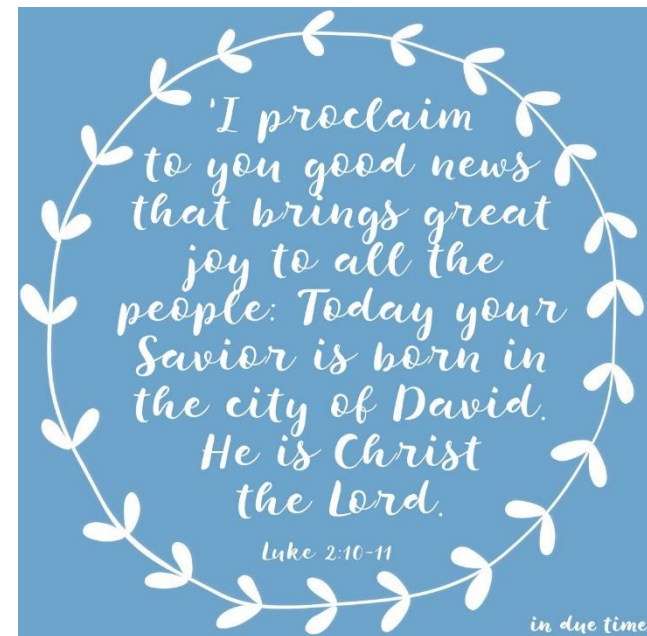
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## Christmas Eve December 24 2019 7:00 p.m.

## CHRISTMAS EVE 2019

7:00 p.m. FAMILY EUCHARIST

**Greeters:** Karen Luyendyk and Sarah Spinks

**Servers / Chalice Bearers:** David and Inez McCreery

**Readers:** Claire Marson and Rodney Senior

**Prayers:** Judith Senior

**Music Director:** Wendy Shaw

**Organist:** John Black

**Accompanists:** Dan Berg, Dave Newlands, Doris Wionzek

*Welcome to this celebration. Our service will follow the form of the Book of Alternative Services (BAS) projected on the screen. The service will begin in candle-lit darkness.*

### CAROLS

#### Welcome

**Song:** *Still, Still, Still* (Music Team)

**Reading:** *John 1:1-5*

**OPENING HYMN** *O Come All Ye Faithful* (Congregation)  
Common Praise 118

#### Territorial Acknowledgement

#### Advent Wreath: Lighting the Christmas Candle

***The Candle Song*** (Congregation)

**Reading:** *Isaiah 9: 2-7*

**Song** *Welcome to Our World* (Music Team)

**Reading:** *Titus 2: 11-1*

**GOSPEL SONG** *Away in a Manger* (Congregation)  
Common Praise 126

**Gospel:** *Luke 2: 1-14*

#### Reflection

**Song** *Angel Song* (Music Team)

**Prayers of the People**

**Confession/Absolution**

**The Peace**

**OFFERING SONG:** *The First Noel* (Congregation)  
Common Praise 139

**Prayer over the Gifts**

**Eucharistic Prayer 3**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

**Communion** *All are welcome at our Lord's Table.*  
*For hygienic reasons please refrain from dipping the bread in the wine.*

**COMMUNION SONGS:** *What Child is This – organ / Silent Night/All is Well/O Little Town of Bethlehem /Emmanuel/Twas in the Moon of Wintertime/*

**Song:** *Joseph's Lullaby* (Music Team - men)

**Prayer after Communion**

**Doxology**

**CLOSING HYMN:** *Hark the Herald Angels Sing* (Congregation)  
Common Praise 138

**Dismissal**



***The flowers in the church this Christmas are offered to the glory of God and in loving memory of Wally and Agnes Ayling & Lynn Symons given by Ron & Katrina Ayling.***

