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**Office Hours**  
 Tuesday – Friday 10am-2pm

**December 24, 2011**  
**Christmas Eve Service**  
**Worship Time 10:30 A.M.**

ALL CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO JOIN SUNDAY SCHOOL AFTER CHILDREN'S  
 TIME WITH THE PASTOR

**“An Uneasy Life”**  
*Rev. David L. Fisher*  
*Scripture: Luke 2:1-20*



Christian Fellowship Church has been chosen by God to be a healthy-healing Church that God will use to plant, root and grow people up in faith, love and in His healing grace.

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

8 – Jackson Pescod; 10 – Emma Gold; 18 – Alan Josua Amarante; 19 – Marcia Culham;  
23 – Lloyd Culham; 24 – Frank Traviss, Marilyn Wood

**DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

23 – Allan & Maria Theresa Amarante

We celebrate all Birthdays and Anniversaries the 4th Sunday of the month.  
Join us for coffee and cake after the Worship Service.

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Musical Prelude – Carol of the Bells by Cathy Barclay

“Breath of Heaven” from video by Amy Grant

Matthew 1:18-23 (NCV)

Processional – Angel Carol Medley

Welcome & Announcements

A Christmas Prayer (in unison)

As once you came in the hush of darkness, O God, so still our hearts now by the wonder of this night. Make us wise with the wisdom of a little one, that the truth might be born afresh in us. Let not our hearts be busy inns with no room, but doors opened wide to welcome a holy guest who is Jesus Christ, alive with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Duet: O Holy Night by Frank Traviss & Celeste Traviss

Candle Lighting Ceremony

L: The Lord be with you

**P: And also with you.**

L: We gather to celebrate the birth of the one who is the light of the world.

**P: We are here to worship God – and his Son Jesus – born this night in Bethlehem of Judea.**

L: We light the candle of hope to remind us of the promises made by all the prophets that God would raise up a saviour for his people Israel.

**P: Christ is our hope and our salvation. He calls us to share our hope in him with each other.**

ALL SING – Verse 1 – Hope is a Star

L: We light the candle of peace to remind us that it is only with God and by following in his path that true peace can be found.

**P: Christ brings the peace of God to us. He calls us to share the peace he gives with each other.**

L: We light the candle of joy to remind us that God gives joy to every heart that abides in him.

**P: As Mary rejoiced in the birth of Jesus – so his birth in us brings us joy. God calls us to share the joy he gives with each other.**

## LUKE 2: 1-20

### *The Birth of Jesus*

<sup>1</sup> In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. <sup>2</sup> (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) <sup>3</sup> And everyone went to their own town to register.

<sup>4</sup> So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. <sup>5</sup> He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup> While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, <sup>7</sup> and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

<sup>8</sup> And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. <sup>9</sup> An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. <sup>11</sup> Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

<sup>13</sup> Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup> “Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

<sup>15</sup> When the angels had left them and gone 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 about.”

<sup>16</sup> So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup> When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, <sup>18</sup> and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We wish you a warm welcome to Christian Fellowship Church. If you are visiting us a first time, please sign our guest book and be sure to join us for coffee after the service. May God bless you!

This year, Christmas Day falls on a Sunday. Instead of the usual service, we will be presenting the movie “**The Nativity Story**” which is a wonderful depiction of the birth of Jesus. Although most of it is family friendly, it has been given a PG rating. Christianity Today magazine states: The Nativity Story is rated PG for some violent content (Herod’s soldiers kill the babies in Bethlehem, though most of the violence is kept out of frame and no blood is shown; Jewish rebels are pursued by soldiers and later seen crucified, though the act of crucifixion itself is kept offscreen). There are also two scenes of childbirth (tastefully done) and one scene in which a baby boy is circumcised, and parents may need to explain to very young children why the people of Nazareth ostracise Mary and her family for her pregnancy. The film is probably too mature for preschoolers and young elementary age, but should be suitable for ages 8 or 9 and up.

Rev. David Fisher will not be in the office from December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011 to January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012. LaVyne Hombert will be taking the service on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012. In case of emergencies requiring pastoral assistance, please contact the Rev. David MacKenzie at 780-667-7462 or at 780-987-3173.

Rev. David & Melissa Fisher wish to thank the congregation for all of its love and support through 2011. We sincerely wish you a Merry Christmas and pray for a blessed 2012.

### ALL SING – Verse 3 – Hope is a Star

L: We light the candle of love to remind us that Jesus is God’s gift of love to us – and that in him, the light of love triumphs over darkness.

**P: Love never fails – it transforms all those who give it and receive it. God calls us to share his love with each other.**

### ALL SING – Verse 4 – Hope is a Star

L: We light the Christ candle to remind us that the light of the world was born this night.

**P: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness – on them a light has shined.**

L: You, O Lord, have multiplied the nation. You have increased its joy.

**P: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder.**

L: His name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**P: He is also called Emmanuel, for in him God is with us.\***

\* Written by Richard Fairchild

ALL SING – Christ is born; give him glory!  
Christ is born; give him glory!

*(Christ candle is lit)*

**ALL: Jesus Christ, the light of the world! Alleluia!**

Offertory Prayer & Song

Christmas Hymns

The Song of Mary – Video with Scripture

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:1-20

Message: An Uneasy Life by Rev. David Fisher (passing out of candles)

Hymn: Silent Night

Benediction



For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon<sup>4</sup> his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

## **TREE OF LIFE HEALING ROOMS ASSOCIATION**

Healing Rooms appointments are Wednesday evenings. Appointment slots are available for 8:00, 8:30 and 9:00 p.m. If you would like to receive healing prayer, or know of someone who does, please consider calling to the office at 780 960-3223 for an appointment. If you wish to make a financial contribution to the Tree of Life Healing Rooms, please hand your contribution in a separate sealed envelope with Healing Rooms indicated on the envelope. Please ensure that your contribution is separate from your tithes. We accept either cash or a cheque. Please ensure cheques are payable to “Tree of Life Healing Rooms Association”.



## **SUPPORTED MISSIONS**

Please keep them in your prayers!

*Wycliffe Bible Translators*

*Salaam Ministries*

*Frontier Labourers for Christ*

*Messianic Vision Canada*

*NeighbourLink-Parkland*

*Parkland Food Bank*

*God's Leadership Ministries International Canada (Elizabeth Smith)*

Christian Fellowship Church also supports the following Ministries:

*Daughters of Infinite Worth*

*Tree of Life Healing Rooms*

## **OUTREACH**

Please view the Outreach board outside the double doors of the sanctuary for information on the Missionaries that we support.



If you have a **Prayer Request** that you would like to put on our Prayer Chain, please contact our Prayer Coordinator/Elder Sheila MacRae at (780) 962-0490 or the church office at (780) 960-3223 during office hours.