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Meditation: If you are more fortunate than others, a longer table, not a taller fence.

Welcome: to Britannia United Church. Our **nursery** is always available to children three years of age and younger. It is at the end of the hall by the office. **Headsets** are available for those who need assisted hearing. Please speak to our sound technician. Please join in the reading if it is **bold** and *italic*. Coffee and Tea are available at the back of the church, after the service.

We Gather in God's Name

Introit: Prepare the Way of the Lord (10)

Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship:

The time is drawing near;

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray!

The preparations are complete;

Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.

We are waiting for God to do a new thing;

We hear the Christmas angels, the great glad tidings tell.

Christ is entering our lives in a new way;

O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel!

Advent Candle Lighting

(Elaine McCausland and Sue Fowler Dacey)

***Thank you shepherds for your faith
and your gift of love.***

We will join you on this Advent adventure.

Sung Response: Hope is a Star (7, verse 4)
*Love is a flame that burns in our hearts,
Jesus has come and will never depart.
When God is a child there's joy in our song.
The last shall be first, and the weak shall be strong,
and none shall be afraid.*

Anthem: Rise Up Shepherds and Follow

Theme Presentation

Minute for Mission

We Hear God's Word

Hymn: While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks (75)

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:46 55 (NT, pg 57, Gail Wyse)

Message: Shepherds: Lifting Up the Lowly

Hymn: All Poor Ones and Humble (68)

We Respond to God

Prayers of Joy and Concern and The Lord's Prayer

Offertory

* **Doxology:** (541)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.*

* **Offertory Prayer:**

God of Love,

***You accept our gifts, no matter how humble,
You value our lives, no matter how humble,
and no matter how humble our understanding,
you show us your glory; born in a stable.
For this we give you thanks and praise. Amen***

* **Hymn:** Angels From the Realms of Glory (36)

* **Commissioning Prayer:**

The time is almost here.

We hear the Christmas angels, their great glad tidings tell.

Our hearts are open and waiting.

O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel.

So, let us prepare to receive the gift once again,
and with love in our hearts, sing of His glory.

* **Sung Response:** Gloria

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Glory to God, glory to God, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Postlude