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New Year's Eve

December 31, 2017

10:15 a.m.

Meditation: God asks his children to follow the Leader.

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: Joyful, Joyful We Adore You (232 verses 1 & 3)

Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship:

God of the open road, God of the, twisting path,

***God of the narrow and upward way,
your people are gathered for worship.***

As we gather in this place of worship, as we spent time with you, give us provision for the journey: hope, peace joy and love.

As we gather in this place, we come looking for courage, faith and guidance.

We gather to be reminded again, that you walk each step of the way with us, no matter where our path takes us. Come let us worship our God.

***Hymn:** In Loving Partnership We Come (603)

Opening Prayer:

Loving God, Today we stand on the cusp of a New Year .We are called to start our journey tomorrow by stepping out into a brand year. We ask that you would be always with us showing us the way. We ask that you stay by our side as companion and guide giving us both strength and wisdom to leave behind

what we do not need and bring only what we need to make our lives what you would want them to be. Amen

We Hear God's Word

Anthem: I Have Called You by Your Name, You are Mine

Theme Presentation

Minute For Mission

Scripture: Luke 2: 22-40 (NT, pg 59, Barry Meredith)

Message: Stepping Out Into a New Year

* **Hymn:** I See a New Heaven (713)

We Respond to God

Prayers of Joy and Concern and The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Introit

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.

***Prayer of Dedication:**

Generous God, as we prepare to follow Christ, on a journey, into a new year, we ask that you use our gifts of money, time and talents to care for those we meet along the way. May our love for Jesus be manifest in these our gifts. Amen

We Go Forth in God's Word

***Hymn**: It Came Upon a Midnight Clear (44)

***Commissioning**:

As we leave this place of worship,
we go to travel the Way with Jesus.

***Give us courage to step out in faith,
to go where you send us without hesitation or fear.***

We go now, trusting that your presence goes with us providing us
with all we need for the journey ahead. Let us go now singing a
new song of love and praise to our God.

Amen

* **Benediction**

***Sung Response**: Go Now in Peace.

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.

Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Postlude