

The first part of the paper discusses the importance of understanding the local context in which a project is implemented. This includes a thorough analysis of the social, cultural, and economic conditions of the community. The second part of the paper describes the methodology used in the study, which involved a combination of qualitative and quantitative data collection methods. The third part of the paper presents the findings of the study, which show that the project had a positive impact on the community. The final part of the paper discusses the implications of the findings for future research and practice.

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Christmas Eve, December 24, 2024 at 7:00

*We gather today on the traditional and unceded territory
of the Algonquin Anishnaabe Nation.*

May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.

Musical Prelude



Welcome and The Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candles and The Call to Worship:

One: In the song of the angels: Dreams

In the awe of the shepherds: Wonder

All: In the birth of a child: Hope.

We light this candle remembering the Hope of God. (The first
Advent is re-relighted)

One: In the cry of the oppressed: Freedom

In the tears of the vulnerable: Justice

All: in the rage of the violated: Peace

We light this candle remembering how badly this world needs the
Peace of God.

(The second Advent candle is re-lighted)

One: In the smiles of little children: Pleasure

In the music of Christmas carols: Gladness

All: in the birth of a new baby: Delight.

We light this candle remembering the Joy of Christ in our world.

One: In the voice of concern: Compassion

In the hand of friendship: Support

All: In the community of trust: Care.

We light this candle celebrating the unconditional love of Christ.
(The fourth Advent candle is re-lighted)

One: On this Christmas Eve, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Child in our human midst.

All: We celebrate that Hope, Peace, Joy and Love are all wrapped up in the Holy Child who is born anew in our hearts on this holy night.

We light this candle as a symbol of the Christ Child born in Bethlehem.

(The Christ Candle is Lighted)

Choral Response:

1. A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright;
A candle of hope in December's dark night.
While angels sing blessings from heaven's starry sky,
Our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.
2. A candle is burning, a candle of peace,
A candle to signal that conflict must cease:
For Jesus is coming to show us the way,
A message of peace humbly laid in the hay.
3. A candle is burning, a candle of joy,
A candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy.
Our hearts fill with wonder, and eyes light and glow...
As joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow.
4. A candle is burning, a candle of love,
A candle to point us to heaven above.
A baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth,
For Jesus is bringing God's love to our earth.
5. We honour Messiah with Christ's candle flame,
Our Christmas Eve candles, glad tidings proclaim.
O come, all you faithful, rejoice in this night,
As God comes among us, the Christian's true light.

(Voices United, #6)

The Gathering Prayer:

O come, O come, Emmanuel to each one of us on this Holy Night. Dwell among us now during our worship, and again when we take this sacred time into our Christmas celebrations, for we pray in the name of Jesus, the Holy Child born in Bethlehem. Amen.

The Choir Anthem: “ Christmas Time is Here”

The Children’s Time around the Crèche

Hymn: “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem:
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;
Chorus: “O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.”

2. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all the citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God in the highest:
Chorus...

3. See how the shepherds summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks draw nigh with lowly fear;
We too will thither, bend our joyful footsteps;
Chorus...

The Scripture Lesson: Luke 2:1-18. The Birth of Jesus”

Hymn: “O Little Town of Bethlehem “

1. O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by,
Yet in thy dark streets shineth, the everlasting light;
The hopes and dreams of all the years are met in thee tonight.

2. For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering
love.
O morning stars, proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth.

3. O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray,
Cast out our sin, and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels, the great glad tidings tell;

O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.
(VU, #64)

The Offering is Received

Offertory Prayer and Sung Response:

**“What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;
yet what I can, I give him....give my heart.”**
(VU, #55)

Receiving the Light of Christ (*People will come forward for their candle and then return to their seats*)

The Christmas Prayers by Candlelight

Closing Carol by Candlelight (*seated*); **“ Silent Night”**

1. Silent night! Holy night!
All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin, mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Hallelujah,
Christ the Saviour is born,
Christ the Saviour is born.
3. Silent night! Holy Night!
Son of God, love's pure light;
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.
(VU, #67)



Closing Prayer (*in unison, seated*)

**“Dear God, we pray that you might grant us:
The true light of Christmas, which is faith;
The true warmth of Christmas, which is love;
The true radiance of Christmas, which is joy;
The true righteousness of Christmas, which is justice;
The true belief of Christmas, which is truth; and
The true richness of Christmas, which is Christ. Amen.”**

Participating in Tonight’s Service:

Candle Lighters: The Badger Family: Jessica and Andrew, and their children: Eliana, Emmet and Graham;

Musicians:

Organist and Choir Director: Neil Milnes

Trumpet: Christa Lowry

Trombone: Gilles Mayotte

Bass guitar: Glenn Morrison

Percussion: Ian Douglas

The Choir of The Almonte United Church

Reader: Terri-Lynn Funnekotter

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*Wishing you all the very best of the
Christmas season. May your holidays be
blessed with memory-making moments that
warm your heart, and a new year that fills
you with hope, peace, joy and love.*

