**Strathmore United Church**

**December 29, 2024**

**1st Sunday After Christmas**

**Welcome and Announcements:**

**Call to Worship:**

L: Christ is born!

**P: Alleluia!**

L. Jesus is among us!

**P: Alleluia!**

L: The Word has become flesh!

**P: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Lighting of the Advent Candles:**

**♫♪ Hymn:** “Joy to the World” \* **VU 59**

**Special Music:** Piano Solo – Greg “I wonder as I wander”

**Prayer for Illumination:**

**By the light of the Holy Spirit shining in our midst, open our hearts and minds, O God , to your Word. Amen**

**Story for All Ages**: ” Christmas Carols”

**♫♪ Hymn:** “O Little Town of Bethlehem,” \* **VU 64**

**Scripture Reading:** **Isaiah 52:7-10**

L: A Word of God that is still speaking,

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**♫♪ Hymn:** “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” \***VU 44**

**Message:** Who is Jesus? A reflection in Two Voices

**♫♪ Hymn:** “A Light is Gleaming” \***VU #82**

**Responding to God’s Word** **and The Lord’s Prayer:**

**Invitation of Offering**

**♫♪Dedication:** Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow \* **VU #541**

**Prayer of Dedication:**

**On this glad new day for all the earth, we are grateful for the giving hearts made joyful in the gift of your Son. For you, O God, are generosity itself. Bless these gifts we offer to the benefit of those in need. Bless our lives in service of sharing your love in the world. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen**

**♫♪ Hymn:** **“**Twas in the Moon of Wintertime” **\* VU 71**

**Commissioning and Benediction:**

**♫♪ Benediction Song: “**Go Now in Peace” \* **VU 964**

**Passing the Peace of Christ**

L: May the God of Peace go with you.

**P: And also with you.**

Please join us for Coffee and Fellowship in the Library after the service.

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