

Clifton Pastoral Charge

Old Barns and Hilden United Churches

We are Affirming Churches in an Affirming Pastoral Charge

Clergy: Reverend Phillip Kennedy

Organist: Old-Barns- Beckie Burrows, Hilden - Edith Selwyn- Smith

Church Bulletin Secretary: Mallery Thomas

Mission Statement: To provide a friendly, welcoming, caring and safe environment to promote spiritual growth.

Old Barns United Church
Christmas Even Service 2025, 4:30pm

Prelude

Welcome

Carol VU# 44 “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear” vs 1

Christmas Eve Candle Liturgy

Candle Lighting&Advent Reading Old Barns: Julie and Gordie Miller
We come into this church thankful for Joseph and
for his willingness to venture to Bethlehem with
Mary.

**The courage of Joseph is light for us this
Christmas Eve.** (Light a blue candle.)

We come to this church thankful for Mary, who
took responsibility for bringing Jesus to birth.

**The commitment of Mary is light to us this
Christmas Eve.** (Light a blue candle.)

We come to this church thankful for shepherds,
angels, and Magi, who responded with joy to
Jesus' birth.

**Their stories-which are shared in our readings
and carols-are light to us this Christmas Eve.**
(Light a blue candle.)

We come to this church thankful to the saints,
who have faithfully celebrated the birth of Jesus
down the ages.

**The faithfulness of God’s people is light to us
this Christmas Eve.** (Light a blue candle.)

We come to this church thankful for God’s chosen

child, whose birth story we hear and whose life
story changes our lives.

**Jesus is the light of our lives this Christmas Eve
and throughout the year.** (Light the white candle.)

CAROL VU 64 “O Little Town of Bethlehem” vs 1&4

First Lesson - In the Beginning John 1: 1-5

Old Barns Reading by Meaghan McCurdy

Carol VU 60 “O Come All Ye Faithful” vs 1&3

Special Music

Old Barns – Madelyn Stewart – Silent Night

Written by Joseph Mohr(1792-1848) | Composed by Franz Xaver Gruber

Hilden – Mary Did You Know?

Words & Music by Mark Lowry and Buddy Greene | ©Word Music Inc.
1991/2000 Rufus Music

Second Lesson - John the Baptist, Luke 3: 4-6, 15-16

Old Barns Reading by Karen Archibald-Waugh

Carol VU 59 “Joy to the World!” vs 1&2

Third Lesson - Jesus is Born, Luke 2: 1-7

Old Barns Reading by Mallery Thomas

Monologue Eliezar the Inn keeper

Special Music

Old Barns – Meaghan McCurdy – What Child is This?

Words by William Chatterton Dix c.1865 | Music 16th Century English
Melody, Green Sleeves Harmony, John Stainer 1871

Hilden – Gail Sexsmith – The Birthday of a King

Words and Music: William Harold Neidlinger, 1890 Public Domain

Fourth Lesson - The Shepherds, Luke 2: 8-12

Old Barns Reading by Bradley Thomas

Carol VU 75 “As Shepherd’s Watched” vs 1-4

Fifth Lesson - The Angels, Luke 2: 13-16

Old Barns Reading by Isabella Blaauwendraat

Carol VU 38 “Angel’s We Have Heard on High” vs 1&4

Children’s Story Time – Old Barns Service

Sixth Lesson - The Wise Men, Matthew 2: 1-11

Old Barns Reading by Phillip Kennedy

Carol VU 91 “The First Nowell” vs. 1,3&5

A Christmas Affirmation of Faith

We believe in Jesus Christ,
and the beauty of the Gospel
that began in a lowly manger in Bethlehem.
We believe in the One...
whose spirit brings music to people all over the
world
in communities both large and small.
We believe in the One...
for whom the crowded inn could find no room,
and we confess that our hearts still
want to exclude Christ from our lives today.
We believe in the One...
whom the rulers of the earth ignore
and the proud do not understand,
whose life is among the common people,
and whose welcome comes from people
with hungry hearts.
We believe in the One...
who looks at people and makes them see
what God's love sees in them
and who by love accepts all people
and who forgives all sinners.
We believe in the One...
who willingly eats with saints and sinners alike.
We believe in the One
who can penetrate even the darkest night
and bring healing and light to the soul and the world.
We believe in the One...
who can fill our empty hearts with love now
and forever. Thanks be to God. Amen

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC (OB)

SEVENTH LESSON And Then... Luke 2: 17 -20, and

Matthew 2: 12

SPECIAL MUSIC (OB)

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

CAROL VU#67 "Silent Night" vs 1

From our home to yours...

We wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a
Blessed 2026!



Love and Hugs, Rev. Phillip and Valerie