

Kanata United Church Christmas Eve Candle “Choir”

Thank you for agreeing to be a part of our Christmas Eve candle “choir” — our virtual way of lighting candles together at the 10 PM Christmas Eve service! You might have seen virtual choir videos circulating around during the pandemic, and we’re going to do the same thing (but with candles, instead of singing — sorry).

As individuals, families, or households, we invite you to submit a video of you holding a lit candle. These will be composited together to create a mosaic, filling the screen of our service during the singing of “Silent Night”. It will be a tapestry of light to welcome the birth of Christ!

Here’s what you’ll need:

- A device to take the video (such as a smartphone, tablet, or computer)
- A candle (or several depending on the number of people in the shot)
 - KUC is happy to provide candles for your use, which can be picked up at the church or delivered.
 - But feel free to use your own as well!

Here’s how to do it:

* You might consider asking another person for help. If they are from outside your household, make sure you do your video outside and follow all public health directions.

1. Pick a location for you to take your video. It could be inside or outside, but somewhere that lets the candle shine brightly.
2. Set up your recording device.
3. Start your recording device.
4. Light your candle.
5. Hold your position for as long as possible. The candle videos will be on the screen for the entire singing of “Silent Night” — about 3 minutes long. We can trim your videos if they’re too long.
6. After 3 minutes, stop your recording device.
7. Submit your video to the church by **Sunday, December 13**, using one of the following options:
 - a. Upload it to the Google Drive folder:
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1uZt9QEa9Ay8mv6xDAO_cTP9ZpK5IEcli?usp=sharing
 - b. Email it to Josh: josh@kuc.ca
 - c. Send it using WeTransfer: <https://wetransfer.com>
 - d. Copy it to a USB drive and then drop it off at the church.
8. Don’t forget to blow out your candle!

If you need help, don’t hesitate to reach out to Josh for help via email (josh@kuc.ca) or via phone (613.816.1695).