

January 6, 2019

10:00 am

Prelude

Let us turn our hearts and minds to a time of silent reflection and prayer.

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Oh beautiful star the hope of light.

ALL: Guiding the pilgrims through the night.

ONE: Over the mountains 'till the break of dawn.

ALL: Into the land of perfect day.

ONE: It will give out a lovely ray.

ALL: Oh beautiful star of Bethlehem shine on.

*Hymn of Praise "We Three Kings" Celebration Hymnal No. 288

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

O wondrous God of the stars, we come today as the wise men of old, with breathless wonder to see the babe that will change our lives. Touch us—touch us with our hearts and minds and souls. May we never tire of this story. Give us wonder on our souls that your incarnation will be magic again. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Anthem

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Choral response

Worship in Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Offertory Prayer

Scripture Lessons

Luke 2:8-14 (KJV)

Luke 2:15-20 (KJV)

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen, Amen.

Special Music

John Connors

Sermon

"The Wonder of Christmas"

Brian Sampson

Hymn of Preparation

"Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"

Celebration Hymnal No. 292

Communion

Uniting in Covenant
Sharing the Bread
Sharing the Cup

Brian Sampson

*Hymn of Going Forth

"O Hearken Ye"

Celebration Hymnal No. 274

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

"Emmanuel"

Emmanuel, Emmanuel
His name is called Emmanuel;
God with us, revealed in us:
His name is called Emmanuel.

*Postlude

*We invite you to stand if you are able.

Luke 2: 8-14

King James Version

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.
And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.
And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.
For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.
And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.
And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,
Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Luke 2:15-20

King James Version

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.
And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.
And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.
And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.
But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.
And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God