

Prelude

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

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

ALL: And also with you.

ONE: Let all people and all nations turn to the source of their salvation.

ALL: Let them bow together in praise and seek the blessings of God.

ONE: Here we seek the light God offers us.

ALL: Here we prepare to walk in God's path.

ONE: His way is the path for our feet. The Day of the Lord approaches.

ALL: The dayspring from on high even now shines upon us!

*Hymn of Praise

Pilgrim Hymnal # 103

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

Our Father, as we enter the season in which we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, Your Son, help us not to lose sight of Him in the trappings of Christmas. Help us in our many activities to be attentive to the main event of the Christmas season. As you have given so much for us, notably your Son who came to earth and died on the cross for us, may we not slight you in the giving of our gifts. Make us generous to your causes as you have been generous to us and our needs. Accept our gratitude for your generous mercy to us. Accept and bless our gifts as we give them to you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Anthem

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 37:37-40

New Testament Lesson

John 1:1-5

*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.

Reception of New Members

David & Tammy Jabtecki

Sermon

Rev. William Kren

"A Season of Peace"

Hymn of Reflection

Pilgrim Hymnal # 101

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

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.

Prayer 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

*Hymn of Going Forth

Pilgrim Hymnal # 114

"Life Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

"Emmanuel" (sung twice)

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.