

## Prelude

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

## Welcome and Announcements

## Introit

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called:

**People: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace**

\*Hymn of Praise Celebration Hymnal # 247/248/249  
 "Medley of Christmas Carols"

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION:**

The joy of discovery. That moment when hope and expectation were gloriously met by the illumination of one bright star. We cannot imagine what words were spoken by visitors or if first impressions left them somewhat confused. Messiah, Savior, a King born in the barest of palaces. Yet they saw and fell down on their knees in adoration. Lord, they saw you and knew whom they had met. As we meet around crib, candle or advent wreath draw us into that stable in our imagination. In the quiet moments of prayer this Christmas, that brief oasis from the bustle of the world bring alive to us the smell of the hay, the sound of the animals, the cry of a baby. Draw us close to our Savior Messiah and King as we bring not Gold, Myrrh or Frankincense, but the gift of our lives the only offering we can bring.

## Anthem

## Gospel Lesson

Luke 2: 8-14

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John 1: 1-14

**\*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

Choir

## Message

Rev. Lew Worthington

Congregational Participation

## Hymn of Reflection

Celebration Hymnal # 288

"We Three Kings"

## 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****\*Hymn of Going Forth**

Celebration Hymnal # 267

"I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"

**\*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**

<sup>8</sup>In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup>"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

## **John 1: 1-14**

**1**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

<sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. <sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were

born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

**Leader:** The Word of God for the people of God

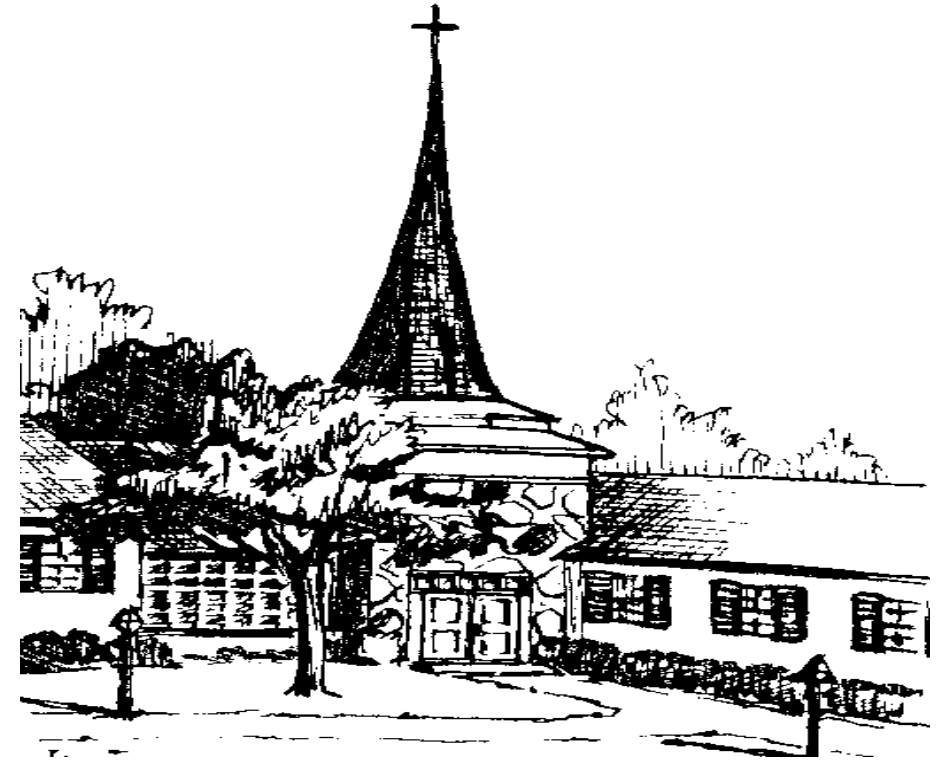
**All:** Thanks be to God!

## **Church Covenant**

**We are banded together as a Christian Church to maintain the worship of God the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer; to proclaim the gospel of Christ, to develop in ourselves and others a consciousness of our relationship and duties to God and each other; to create a spirit of love for truth, a passion for righteousness and enthusiasm for service; to respect and protect all of God's creation. To this end we pledge our loyalty to Christ and covenant with God and with each other to strive to express God's spirit in our individual and corporate life; to live together as Christians and to submit ourselves to the government of this church, working, giving, praying for its increase, purity and peace, seeking in every way to make it a power for the building up of the Kingdom of God.**

We love...

**WELCOME!**



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