

Prelude

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

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Advent Reading/Candle Lighting

Dave & Tammy Jabtecki

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: Jesus. God sent you in mercy to be Emmanuel. God-with-us.

ALL: Teach us the compassion of God.

ONE: Jesus. Your life took flesh in the mercy of Mary's womb.

ALL: We rejoice in the compassion of Mary.

ONE: Jesus. Your family took shape in the mercy of Joseph's welcome.

ALL: We give thanks for the compassion of Joseph.

ONE: Jesus. Your holy family knew the struggles of the poor when they were refused the mercy of shelter in Bethlehem.

ALL: Teach us the compassion of God. Lead us in the ways of grace and mercy.

***Hymn of Praise**

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Pilgrim Hymnal # 132

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION:**

O Loving God, We await the birth of your Child, Jesus, whom you send into the world to show us the way of compassion. Let us follow Jesus with courage and joy across all the boundaries of our human difference. Open our hearts and our communities, that they are places where your goodness is recognized, and your generosity is shown to all our sisters and brothers. All this we ask in the name of Jesus, your beloved Child, and our Savior. Amen.

Anthem

Old Testament Lesson

Micah 5:2-5

New Testament Lesson

2 Corinthians 16-21

***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.

Sermon

"A Season of Focus"

Rev. William Kren

Hymn of Reflection

"What Child Is This?"

Pilgrim Hymnal # 140

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**

"Angels We Have Heard On High"

Pilgrim Hymnal # 116

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.**