

Prelude

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

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Haas Family

Introit

\*CALL TO WORSHIP:

ONE: Sing to our God a new song; sing to our God all the earth.

**ALL: Glory to God in the highest heaven, peace on earth to all!**

ONE: The heavens are telling the glory of God, let the earth rejoice, let trees of the forest sing for joy!

**ALL: Glory to God in the highest heaven, peace on earth to all!**

\*Hymn of Praise

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Pilgrim Hymnal #132

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

O God of the Baby of Bethlehem, we come into your presence with praise and thanksgiving. We hear the glad tidings of the angel voices; we come to experience this good news of great joy for all the people. As the shepherds traveled to Bethlehem, we have traveled here – excited, expectant, and hopeful. Let the words of sacred scripture seep into our hearts, to be treasured and pondered anew. We are here; we are ready, O God! Let the light of your love break forth! Amen.

Anthem

Old Testament Lesson

Psalms 43:3-5

Gospel Lesson

Philippians 4:4-9

\*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

“Merry Christmas - or Else!”

Rev. William Kren

Hymn of Reflection

“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

Pilgrim Hymnal # 129

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

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Pilgrim Hymnal # 120

\*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.