

Prelude

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

Welcome and Announcements

"Lighting of the Advent Wreath"

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

Gospel Lesson 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

Brian Sampson

Devotional Readings

Hymn of Reflection

Celebration Hymnal # 261

"Away in a Manger"

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.