

Prelude

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

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: We gather wondering, 'Where will we find the Babe born in Bethlehem?'

**ALL: We will find the Babe in the laughter of children,
in the wisdom of grandparents.**

ONE: We gather asking, 'where will we find the Child of Christmas?'

**ALL: We will find the Child where the needy are gifted with hope,
where the oppressed are set free.**

ONE: We gather wanting to know, 'where will we find the Christ who has come
for us?'

**ALL: We will find our Hope where fear is overwhelmed by grace,
where hatred is overwhelmed by love,
where all people are overwhelmed by joy.**

*Hymn of Praise

"Joy to the World!"

Pilgrim Hymnal # 130

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

God of Light and Love, in this very moment the star still beckons.
Gather us and let the star call us to new ways of healing and hope,
restoration and renewal, as we discover again Christ's call to discipleship. *Amen.*

Anthem

New Testament Lesson
Gospel Lesson

Philippians 4: 1-9
Luke 2: 8-14

*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.

Message

"Don't Worry, Be Happy"

Brian Sampson

Hymn of Reflection

"O Sing a Song of Bethlehem"

New Century Hymnal # 51

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

"Unto Us a Boy is Born"

Pilgrim Hymnal # 142

*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.