

**Christmas Day
December 25, 2022**

**Gathering
*God invites us to enter His presence***

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship (*Time for Silent Preparation*)

🕯️ Call to Worship (*Responsively*)

Barb Finch

Lift up your hearts in prayer:
lift up your voices in praise.
Let your eyes rise in expectation
and your hands in exultation,
for the Lord has drawn near
and dwells among us.
We lift them up. Amen.

🕯️ Invocation (*Responsively*)

Barb Finch

He came as a baby in a manger.
O come, let us adore him.
He came in a lowly stable.
O come, let us adore him.
Shepherds brought their worship.
O come, let us adore him.
Angels sang his praise.
O come, let us adore him.
Magi brought their gifts.
O come, let us adore him.
What shall we do?
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord! Amen.

🕯️ Hymn 136

The First Noel

**Confessing
*God invites us to be honest with Him***

Call to Confession

Barb Finch

Today we celebrate that Jesus, our Lord,
came to earth as a human, just like us but without sin.
He came so that we who sin may be freed from sin.
With the peace that comes from knowing Jesus came,
let us confess our sins and be forgiven.

Prayer of Confession *(Responsively)*

Barb Finch

Generous God, you give us the greatest gift of all, yourself,
but often we find it hard to take notice;
we are caught up with our own gifts, given and received.

**Forgive us, generous God,
for the casual way we treat your gift of love.
Cast out our sin and enter in,
be born in us today.**

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Barb Finch

I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.
Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you;
he is the Messiah, the Lord.

Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

🕯️ O Come, O Come Emmanuel (V. 4)

*O come, Desire of nations,
Bind all peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease,
Fill all the world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

Offering

Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him

Offering

Offertory

*Rise Up, Shepherd
Dan Baker—Vocals*

🕯️ Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men*

Responding
We respond to God's Word

 Hymn 145

O Come, All Ye Faithful

 Profession of Faith

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only begotten of the Father before all worlds;
God of God, Light of light,
very God of very God;
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made.
Who, for us and our salvation,
came down from heaven,
and became incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man.

Prayers of the People

Commissioning
God sends us out into the world as His witnesses

 Hymn 138

Go Tell It on the Mountain

 Benediction & Blessing

*This morning's Prayer Partners are
Doreen Newby, Chuck Stauffer*

 Postlude