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)

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.**

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Invocation (Responsively)
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.

Y Hymn 136

The First Noel

<u>Confessing</u> God invites us to be honest with Him

Call to Confession

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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)

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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

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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!

<u>Offering</u>

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

Prayer of Dedication

God of hope, you gave your Son to free a lost world. You give your Spirit to comfort and encourage. You give us hope for a future free of pain, sorrow, and tears. You promise us a future with you. In gratitude, we bring you our time, talents, and tithes. May our gifts be used so that many others will taste and see the goodness of knowing you. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Hymn 166 We Three Kings (Vs. 1 & 2)

Hymn 137 What Child is This? (Vs. 1 & 3)

Proclaiming God speaks to us through His Word

Old Testament Reading Exodus 25:1-8

25 The LORD spoke to Moses: ² "Tell the Israelites to take an offering for me. You are to take my offering from everyone who is willing to give. ³ This is the offering you are to receive from them: gold, silver, and bronze; ⁴ blue, purple, and scarlet yarn; fine linen and goat hair; ⁵ ram skins dyed red and fine leather; acacia wood; ⁶ oil for the light; spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense; ⁷ and onyx along with other gemstones for mounting on the ephod and breastpiece. ⁸ "They are to make a sanctuary for me so that I may dwell among them.

New Testament Reading John 1:14

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. We observed his glory, the glory as the one and only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Sermon

"God With Us: The Incarnation" Rev. Tim Latham

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

<u>Commissioning</u> 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