



ORDER OF WORSHIP
December 18, 2022
10:30 a.m. Service

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn of Praise – “O Come, All Ye Faithful” v1,2,3 (UMH #234)

O come all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him,
born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

True God of True God,
Light from Light Eternal,
Lo, he shuns not the Virgin’s womb;
Son of the Father, begotten, not created;
O come, let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Call to Worship:

Pastor: My soul magnifies the Lord;

People: My spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Pastor: O God, whose name is wonderful,

People: We will praise your name forever and declare your faithfulness to all generations.

Pastor: The Mighty One has done great things.

People: Holy is God's name!

Act of Praise – “Glory be to the Father” (UMH #70)

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.

Scripture Lesson – Matthew 1:18-25

Advent Wreath Liturgy

God does not come to us from nowhere; rather, through real-life people in tangible places. God came through a people named Israel, a king named David, and a descendent of David named Jesus. Through an angel God speaks to Mary and Joseph: Mary will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, for he will save the people from their sins.

Through Mary, God speaks to us: my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior, whose name is holy, who has humbled the proud and all their schemes, raised on high the lowly, and filled the hungry with good things.

We light this fourth candle as a sign of God's love, revealed and shining brightly in the world through the faithful lives of people past and present.

The Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle – “O Come, O Come Emmanuel, v. 7 (UMH #211)”

O come, Desire of nations bind

All peoples in one heart and mind.

From dust thou brought us forth to life;

Deliver us from earthly strife.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Prayer (Unison) Living God, thank you for coming into our world and meeting us in real people: people whose stories we can tell and experiences we can share. Thank you, above all, for coming to us in Jesus. Amen.

MUSIC – Children – “I Would Have Been Surprised Too” and
“Every Little Angel”

Carol – “Hark, the Herald Angels Sing” (UMH#240)

Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, & mercy mild,
God & sinners reconciled!”

Joyful, all ye nations rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King.”

Christ, by highest heav’n adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of a virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the God head see;
Hail th’incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King.”

Hail the heav’n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light & life to all He brings,
ris’n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth,
Born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing,

“Glory to the newborn King.”

Adult Choir – “Sing We Now of Christmas” and
“Sing Lullaby”

Carol – “Away in a Manger” (UMH#217)

Away in a manger,
no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus
laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky
looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing,
the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus,
no crying he makes;
I love thee, Lord Jesus,
look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle
till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus,
I ask thee to stay
Close by me forever,
and love me, I pray;
Bless all the dear children
in thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven
to live with thee there.

Youth Choir – “He is Born” and
“Hallelujah to the King”

GENesis Bells – “On This Day Earth Shall Ring”

Pastoral Prayer

Extending the Peace of Christ

Offering

Doxology – “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” (UMH #94)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Ring of Faith – “Let Us Rejoice” and
“How Great Our Joy”**

Carol – O Little Town of Bethlehem (UMH#230)

**Adult & Youth Choirs – “The Virgin Mary Had A Baby Boy” and
“All Is Well”**

Benediction

Postlude

Dismissal

*Brian Barber, Organist
Roy Nelson, Director of Music Ministries*

Rev. Brad Leight Ruth Portzline, CLM