

## Sharing of God's Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Fum, Fum, Fum*

Rev. Eve Williams

arr. Alex-Zsolt

### \* Doxology *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

### \* Offertory Prayer

Rev. Andrea Andress

### \* Carol *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

1 Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King;  
peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations rise,  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with th'angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
*Refrain: Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"*

2 Christ, by highest heaven adored;  
Christ, the everlasting Lord;  
late in time behold him come,  
offspring of a virgin's womb.

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
hail th'incarnate Deity,  
pleased with us in flesh to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel. *Refrain*

3 Hail the heaven-born  
Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
risen 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. *Refrain*

### \* Christmas Blessing

Rev. Eve Williams

### \* Postlude

*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

Dr. Ashley Snavley, organ

David Willcocks

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# Worship Celebration

December 25, 2016 — 9:30 am  
Christmas Day



## Sent: Continuing God's Story "Hope Takes Over"

### Meditation

*Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before!  
What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store.  
What if Christmas...perhaps...means a little bit more!*

—Dr. Seuss



When you see an \* in the order of worship, please stand as you are able.

The child care center is open this morning. See an usher for details.

## Words of Welcome

Rev. Eve Williams

## Prelude

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

Dr. Ashley Snavley, organ

Brahms

## \* Carol *Joy to the World*

Hymnal 246

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven,  
and nature sing.

3 No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow  
far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found.

2 Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!  
Let all their songs employ;  
while fields and floods, rocks,  
hills and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

4 He rules the world  
with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.

## Opening Prayer

Rev. Andrea Andress

## \* Moments of Christian Fellowship

## \* Carol *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* verses 1-2 Hymnal 224

1 Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
give ye heed to what we say:  
News, news!  
Jesus Christ is born today!  
Ox and ass before him bow,  
and he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today,  
Christ is born today!

2 Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye hear of endless bliss:  
News, news!  
Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He hath opened heaven's door,  
and ye are blest forevermore.  
Christ was born for this,  
Christ was born for this!

## A Christmas Story and Children's Time

Rev. Andrea Andress

## Lighting the Christ Candle

(please fill out and pass the fellowship pads)

## Anthem

*Gesu Bambino*

Katie Lincoln, soloist

Pietro Yon

## Scripture *John 1:1-5*

Leader: This is God's story.  
People: This is our story.

Rev. Eve Williams

## Christmas Meditation

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## \* Carol *Away in a Manger*

Hymnal 217

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

2 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.

3 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.

## Christmas Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Eve Williams

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.