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**indicates standing, if able*

Bold indicates congregational response

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

*CAROL

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

**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!**

**Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!**

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Linda Dickerson

Give thanks to God, for the light has come:

**A light in a dark stable, a light for darkened lives,
a light which shines in every place,
the light of eternal truth.**

Give thanks to God, for the truth has come:

**Truth that challenges the proud,
truth that lifts up the lowly,
truth that brings justice and hope,
the truth of eternal life.**

Give thanks to God, for the life has come:

**The life of God in a newborn child,
life vulnerable and precious,
life which conquers death's power,
the new life of the Kingdom of God.**

Give thanks to God, for the King has come:

**A King who brings peace,
a King who brings healing,
a King who shares our weakness,
a gentle King whose name is love.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, whose coming sets us free,
let your light shine in us,
your truth change us, your life renew us,
that we may worship you as the Holy Child of
Christmas and the King of Heaven.**

***CAROL**

“What Child Is This”

**What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary’s lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary!**

**Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through;
the cross be borne for me, for you.
Hail, hail, the Word made flesh,
the babe, the son of Mary!**

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
come, one and all, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;**

**let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high.
The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
the babe, the son of Mary!**

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE –

Betsy Stinson, Paul and Bonnie Angermeier

*I bring you good news of great joy!
To you is born this day a Savior, who is the Messiah, the
Lord.*

**God who was hidden has been revealed.
Emmanuel has come!**

*You will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in
a manger.*

**God who was hidden has been revealed.
Emmanuel has come!**

*As we light the Christ candle, we watch for God breaking
into our world this day.*

God HAS come and God IS coming.

**God who is hidden, be revealed.
Come, all ye faithful, and worship God!**

CANDLELIGHTING CAROL

(Handchimes Choir rings 1 verse, then congregation sings)

**Love is a flame that burns in our heart.
Jesus has come and will never depart.
When God is a child there's joy in our song.
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,
And none shall be afraid.**

SCRIPTURE – Isaiah 9:2-7

SPECIAL MUSIC *“Baloo Lammy”*
Marya Katz and Robin Begnoche

SCRIPTURE – Luke 2:1- 7

PLACING THE CHRIST CHILD IN THE MANGER
(by the youngest child)

CAROL *“Away In a Manger”*

**Away in a manger, no crib for His 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.**

**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.**

SCRIPTURE_– Luke 2:8-20

SERMON *“When God Shows Up”* *Linda Dickerson*

SPECIAL MUSIC *“Il Est Né, Le Divin Enfant”*
Hand Chimes Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/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, The power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC – “O Holy Night”

Ann Marie Conner

Arranged by Anne Crosby Gaudet

THE CANDLELIGHTING

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.

All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being.

What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. The true light, which enlightens everyone was coming into the world. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory . . . full of grace and truth.

CAROL

“Silent Night, Holy Night”

**Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin mother and child!
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night!
Wondrous star, lend thy light
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.**

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE LIGHT

In the midst of darkness, candles have shone.

Glory to God in the highest!

In the midst of darkness, we have seen the light of Christ!

Glory to God in the highest!

*In the midst of darkness, we have been promised
peace and good will.*

Glory to God in the highest!

In the midst of darkness, we go forth to be the light of Christ.

Glory to God in the highest!

And on earth, peace, goodwill to all. Alleluia! Amen.

CAROL*

“Joy to the World”

**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.**

**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.**

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

*PLEASE LEAVE YOUR CANDLE IN THE RECEPTACLE
IN THE NARTHEX. THANK YOU.*

There is no nursery offered tonight. Children of all ages are welcome in this service!

Thanks to musicians, to the Hand Chimes Choir, and to all others who offered their gifts for this service.

Dec. 25 – 10:00 - Morning Worship – ONLINE ONLY –
Facebook and YouTube pages

January 1 – 10:00 – Carol Sing

The Church Office will be closed December 26 - January 3 for the holidays.



*To those who are weary and need rest;
To all who are lonely and need friends;
To all who mourn and need comfort;
To all who pray, and to all who do not,
but ought;
To all who sin and need a Savior,
And to whosoever comes –
The Church opens wide its doors, and says,
In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, "Welcome."*