

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

Let us take this time to quiet our hearts and minds and prepare for worship.

* Please stand if able Plain text = Leader **Bold text = People**

PRELUDE *Bring A Torch* Christopher Uehlein

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Elder

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) From Psalm 148
Praise the Lord from the heavens! Elder

Praise God, all angels, all heavenly host!

Praise the Lord, sun and moon, shining stars!

Praise God, you highest heavens, you waters above the heavens!

Praise the Lord, from the deep, fire and frost and winds at God's command;

All mountains, all hills, all animals, all birds!

All the rulers of the earth, all women and men, young and old;

Glorify the Lord, whose name alone is exalted!

* HYMN *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* No. 22

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL (Be seated) Elder

When we confess before God,

we acknowledge God's sovereignty over our entire lives.

We acknowledge that God is greater than our shortcomings,

that God's love surpasses our sin.

Confident of God's great affection for us, let us pray.

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Forgive us and form us according to your desires for us.

Help us to delight in your will

and to walk in your ways to the glory of your name.

(A time for silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE Erica MacCreaigh

Amen. This is the miracle of Christmas: that God knows the burden of the flesh we bear and bears that burden with us and for us, now and forever.

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and restored to new life! Amen.

*GLORIA Tune: Gloria No. 23

***Come to Bethlehem and see: Him whose birth the angels sing
Come adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord the newborn King.
Glo—ria in excelsis Deo; glo—ria in excelsis Deo.***

HEARING THE WORD

GOSPEL READING Luke 2:41-51 Pg. 56
The word of the Lord. Deacon

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *In The Bleak Midwinter* Arr. Catherine Bennett

TIME FOR CHILDREN *(As the children come forward, please join in singing.)*

This, this is where children belong, part of our family, part of our song.

Be with us, pray with us, help us grow strong, this is where children belong.

SERMON *How Quickly We Forget* Erica MacCreaigh

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please Stand) From Philippians 2:5-11 Elder

**Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.**

**And being found in human form, he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death —
even death on a cross.**

Therefore God also highly exalted him

**and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess to the glory of God
that Jesus Christ is Lord.**

* HYMN *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child* No. 27

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER Front of Hymnal Pg. 16
(Pray, "Forgive us our sins...")

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY *Shepherds* Wilbur Held

* PRESENTATION OF OFFERING No. 53 Verse 3

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.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;

Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the babe, the Son of Mary!

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION Erica MacCreaigh

* HYMN *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks* No. 59

* CHARGE & BLESSING

* SUNG CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* (sing twice)

Go, tell it on the mountain

Over the hills and everywhere;

Go, tell it on the mountain

That Jesus Christ is born!

POSTLUDE *Cortege* Gordon Young

Please come through to Fellowship Hall for coffee and conversation.

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To worship God through faith and action,
to nurture the spirit of Jesus Christ in each of us,
to be an extended family to all,
and to serve the community
through programs, education and prayer.*

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