

\* CALL TO WORSHIP *from Luke 1:68–71*

PASTOR: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people;

PEOPLE: **He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David.**

PASTOR: And this was just as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

PEOPLE: **that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.**

\* INVOCATION *Pastor Rogers*

\* HYMNS OF ADVENT *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* *Hymn 194 (vv. 1–4)*

*Come Thou Long Expected Jesus* *Hymn 196 (vv. 1–2, 4–5)*

CALL TO CONFESSION *1 Peter 5:5b*

PASTOR: Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ALL: **Almighty God, we bring to you only impoverished souls. You sent your Son to save us completely, as a man to die our death, to shed satisfying blood on our behalf, to work out a perfect righteousness for us. Meanwhile, we live each day with self-willed minds. We beg you, through Christ’s incarnate life and willing sacrifice, to pardon and blot out our sins. Have mercy upon us, O Lord. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN *In these moments, we individually come to God in prayer, silently confessing personal sins so that we may take hold of the forgiveness won for us by Christ, our Redeemer.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PEACE OF GOD *Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:21, 23*

PASTOR: Hear the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ: *Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” — which means, “God with us.” And you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you!

PEOPLE: **And also with you!**

\* HYMN OF ADVENT *Hymn 213 (vv. 1–3)*

***What Child is This?***



\* HEARING SCRIPTURE **Luke 1:26–38** *Deacon Rowell Lubbers*

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!” <sup>29</sup> But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup> and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” <sup>34</sup> And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?” <sup>35</sup> And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. <sup>36</sup> And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. <sup>37</sup> For nothing will be impossible with God.” <sup>38</sup> And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE *Elder Wayne & Kathy Bowman*

PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD’S PEOPLE *Pastor Rogers*



\* HEARING SCRIPTURE **Luke 2:1–7** *Deacon Kojo Kyei-Marfo*

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup> This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup> And all went to be registered, each to his own town. <sup>4</sup> And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, <sup>5</sup> to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. <sup>6</sup> And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup> And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

\* HYMN OF ADVENT *Hymn 205 (vv. 1–3)*

***Away in the Manger***

APPLYING GOD’S WORD *Pastor David Rogers*

**“Jesus Christ: The Humble King” — Luke 2:8–12**

*(Scripture text and sermon outline on the back of the worship guide)*

CANDLE LIGHTING ***O Holy Night*** *Kate Rigg, soprano*

*When the candles are being lighted, always tip the unlighted one to be lit as the lighted one remains vertical. After the service, there will be a container in the back of the sanctuary for the disposal of your candles.*

\* BENEDICTION *Psalm 67:1*

Pastor: **The God who sent His Son to save, from guilt and darkness and the grave, be gracious to you and bless you and cause His face to shine upon you.**

ALL: **Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Amen.**

\* HYMN OF ADVENT ***Silent Night*** *Congregation*

1. 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.
2. Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight! Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly host sing, “Alleluia!” Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.
3. Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love’s pure light. Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord at thy birth, Jesus, Lord at thy birth.
4. 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.

POSTLUDE ***Christmas Medley*** *Jami Calatozzo*



*Unless otherwise noted, all scripture quotations are from the English Standard Version of the Bible.*

*\* Congregation Please Stand*

