

* HYMN OF PRAISE

Congregation

The First Noel

The First Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Chorus

**Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.**

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.

And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
That hath made Heaven and earth of naught,
And with his blood mankind hath bought

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

John 3:19-20

PASTOR: And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

1 John 1:5-9

ALL: This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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 WITH GOD

1 Peter 2:9-10

PASTOR: Hear the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ: But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

ADVENT CANDLE

Ohanian Family

* HYMN OF RESPONSE

Hymn 211 (vv. 1-4)

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Pastor David Rogers

WORSHIPPING BY GIVING

*(Sign, pass & return black pad
at the end of the aisle)*

◆ OFFERTORY

“Sing and Rejoice”
– by Robert W. Thygerson –

Choir

* PRAISING OUR GOD

Doxology (Hymn 731)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

* DEDICATING OUR LIVES & GIFTS

* GREETING ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE

* PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Ensemble & Congregation

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.

Refrain

**O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

God of God, Light of Light;
lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb:
very God, begotten, not created.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
glory to God in the highest.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning:
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, late in flesh appearing.

APPLYING GOD'S WORD

Rev. David Rogers

“Cur Deus Homo” — John 1:1-13

(Scripture text is on the back of the worship guide)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION

THE LORD'S SUPPER

*(Please hold the elements until everyone is served.
Please place used cups in baskets in the narthex after the service.)*

* RESPONDING IN SONG

Ensemble & Congregation

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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.”**

Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold him come,
offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail th'incarnate Deity,
pleased as man with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
ris'n with healing in his wings.
mild he lays his glory by,
born that man no more may die,
born to raise the sons of earth,
born to give them second birth.

* BENEDICTION

Isaiah 60:1, 3

PASTOR: Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Hana Do

Ensemble music: CCLI#89171

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

** Congregation Please Stand*

*If you would like to know more about becoming a Christian,
the pastor is available in the narthex after the service.*

Copies of the brochure “How Do I Become a Christian” are also available in the narthex.

