

* CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 100*

PASTOR: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!

PEOPLE: **Know that the LORD, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

PASTOR: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!

PEOPLE: **For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

* HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymn 198 (vv. 1-6)*

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN *from Westminster Larger Catechism
Q&A 134, 136 (Modern English Version)*

PASTOR: What is the sixth commandment?

ALL: **The sixth commandment is: *You shall not murder.***

PASTOR: What does the sixth commandment forbid?

ALL: **The sixth commandment forbids: ... sinful anger,
hatred, envy, or desire for revenge; all excessive
emotions and distracting anxieties; ... speaking in a
provocative way, oppressing, quarreling with,
hitting, or wounding others, and anything else
conducive to the destruction of anyone's life.**

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ALL: **Lord God we confess that we are murderers. Our
thoughts and words betray hearts filled with hatred
and malice. Forgive us for our thoughts of revenge,
short tempers, and long-held grudges. Teach us to
love and value the lives of others, especially those
who look, think, and act differently than we do.
Wash away our sins by the righteous blood of Jesus.
Enable us, through his matchless act of love, to love
our neighbors as we love ourselves. 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 WITH GOD *1 John 4:9-11*

PASTOR: In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that
God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live
through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God
but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation
for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to
love one another.

* HYMN OF REFLECTION *Hymn 213 (vv. 1-3)*

What Child Is This

READING FOR CHRIST'S FIRST ADVENT *Deacon Mark Poovey*

PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE *Pastor David Rogers*

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

◆ LIFEChange Offering *(Please bring your LIFEChange to the front
after the offering plate has passed your row.)*

◆ Birthday Month Prayer *(Pastor Rogers will be available in the front
to pray with those who have a December birthday.)*

◆ Offertory *Astraios*

* PRAISING OUR GOD *Gloria Patri (Hymn 734)*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

* DEDICATING OUR LIVES & GIFTS

* PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD *Hymn 211 (vv. 1-4)*

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

* SCRIPTURE READING *Elder David Schlimme
Page 968 in the pew Bible*

2 Corinthians 8:16-24

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

APPLYING GOD'S WORD *Rev. David Rogers*

"What Are You Aiming At?"

* RESPONDING IN SONG *Hymn 195 (vv. 1-4)*

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

* BENEDICTION *1 Thessalonians 3:12-13*

PASTOR: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for
one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may
establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God
and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his
saints. Amen.

POSTLUDE *Astraios*

***Town North is a community of disciples
making disciples of Jesus.***

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.*

