



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

DECEMBER 22, 2024

PRELUDE A Medley of Christmas Carols (Leavitt)

INTROIT “Advent Hymn” (Nockels)

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION “Prelude on a Catalan Carol” (Emlen)

UNISON PRAYER

Loving Shepherd, as we draw closer to Christmas day, remind us again how to heed your will. Help us to hear when you call. Help us to follow where you lead. Help us to trust your rod and staff. Hold us closely in your care as we anticipate the coming gift of Christ. Amen.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE Krambeck Family

***ADVENT HYMN** “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” (#181 vs. 1-3)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, giver of all good gifts, we come before you as children in need of your wisdom and grace. We are bogged down by the rhythms of daily life. Our visions for the future are stifled by our limitations. We are limited by our need for control. Forgive us, we pray. Break down this entanglement of fear and hope and bring peace to our souls. Help us turnover our expectations to you as we place our lives in your hands. Awaken us to the curiosity and wonder of the season as we await the birth of our Savior. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SONG OF RESPONSE “I Wonder as I Wander” (#225 vs. 1,2,1)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of love, who never lets us go, draw near to us in these ancient words. By your Holy Spirit may we be filled and lifted up, as you prepare in our hearts the path of your coming. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Revelation 21:1-5 (Pew Bible pg. 1151)

MINISTRY OF MUSIC “And the Glory of the Lord” (Handel)

SCRIPTURE LESSON I Thessalonians 4:13-18 (Pew Bible pg. 1094)

MESSAGE Behold! I Do a New Thing!: “All Things New!”

***SONG OF PREPARATION** “Do You Hear What I Hear?”

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING “Because of Bethlehem” (West)

PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE On Screens

THE LORD’S PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN** “Sing We Now of Christmas” (#193 vs. 1-3)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Toccata on ‘In Dulci Jubilo’” (Long)

Transitional Pastor
Associate Pastor
Director of Worship
Director of Media
Organist/Accompanist
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Geoff Kohler
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Jerry Carleton
Jim Prutow
Lee Meehan
Keith Serwood

Worship Band

Joey Carano
Pete Harrison
Nathan Hubbard
Sharon Maruo
Dorian Sailer
Chancel Choir
Kathy Brubaker

Vocalists

Ensemble
Scripture Reader

*Please Stand if able

To Give:

