



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

DECEMBER 31, 2023

PRELUDE A Very Latin Christmas: "Lo Desembre Congelat"
(Keith Kolander)

INTROIT "Angels from the Realms of Glory"
(#189 vs. 1-3)

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: A new year begins, and with it new opportunities to preach the Gospel!

All: We give thanks to God for the year past, and look with anticipation at what God will bring in the year to come.

Leader: God has destined us for adoption as God's children, the season of Christmas reminds us of the fulfillment of that adoption.

All: We are God's children, and the Lord is our God! In Christ, we have obtained an inheritance;

Leader; We, who have set our hope in Christ, live for the praise of his glory!

All: Come, let us worship the newborn King!

OPENING CAROL "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"
(#185 vs. 1-3)

CONFESSION

We are told by your holy word to clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. But too often we clothe ourselves with hurtful garments; we clothe ourselves instead with stubbornness, selfishness, impatience, rudeness, and apathy. Help us to clothe ourselves with love that the peace of your son might rule in our hearts. This we pray in your merciful and forgiving name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Hear the Good News of the Gospel: God has broken into our broken world and saved us from ourselves. With God's help, we are now

able to put on clothes of righteousness and justice. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Alleluia! Amen!

CAROL

"I Wonder as I Wander"
(#225 vs. 1,2,4)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of light, you have revealed your very self to us in your son Jesus Christ, your one Word made flesh, who lived among us, full of grace and truth. Open us to your revelation once again, that in the words of your holy scripture we might know your presence and follow in your light always. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-5; Luke 1:30-33

MESSAGE

"Holy and Righteous Branch"

OFFERING & OFFERING OF MUSIC

"Because of Bethlehem"
(Matthew West)

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

On Screens

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING CAROL

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"
(#218 Refrain, vs. 1, refrain)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella"
(Keith Chapman)

Transitional Pastor
Preaching Pastor
Director of Worship
Director of Media
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Slides
Streaming
Guest Organist
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Geoff Kohler
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To Give:

