This is the word of the Lord.

HYMN #135

Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow

A reading from the gospel of Matthew chapter 2, verses 1-11.

Bible p. 1-2, LG p. 2

Magi come from the East.

This is the word of the Lord.

HYMN #147

The First Nowell

A reading from the gospel of John chapter 1, verses 1-14.

Bible p. 86, LG p. 111

And the Word became flesh.

This is the word of the Lord.

SONG Christmas Offering

Ensemble

BLESSING AND CHARGE

May the Christ, who, by his incarnation, gathered into one the things of heaven and earth, fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. *Alleluia!*

Go forth in peace and joy. Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

Joshua Allen

You may sit after the light passes you in the aisle.

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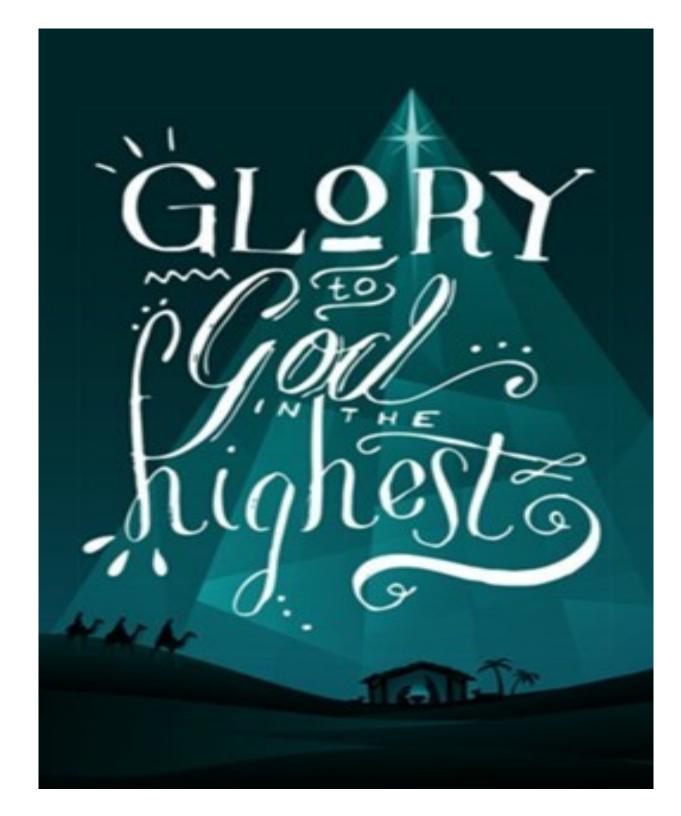
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Serving God,

Honoring Creation,

Embracing Differences





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—Gathering —

PRELUDE In Excelsis Deo! (Ellis) Joshua Allen

WELCOME

*OPENING SENTENCES Liturgist: Lynn Tieken

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!

Sing to the Lord and bless God's name; tell the good news of salvation from day to day.

*HYMN #140 Once in Royal David's City (v. 1-2)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever, Amen.

LESSONS AND CAROLS

A reading from Genesis chapter 3, verses 8–15, 17–19. Adam and Eve in the garden. Bible p. 3, LG p. 3-4

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SOLO O COME, ALL YOU UNFAITHFUL

A reading from Genesis chapter 22, verses 15–18. Bible p. 17, LG p. 22

Joshua Allen, soloist

God's promise to Abraham.

This is the word of the Lord.

HYMN #121 O Little Town of Bethlehem

A reading from Isaiah chapter 9, verses 2, 6-7. Bible p. 600, LG p. 780-781

A great light in the darkness.

This is the word of the Lord.

SOLOIST His Name is Wonderful Lynn Tieken, Soloist

A reading from Isaiah chapter 11, verses 1–4a, 6–9. Bible p. 602-603, LG p. 784

A little child will lead them.

This is the word of the Lord.

HYMN #129 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

A reading from the gospel of Luke chapter 1, verses 26-35, 38. Bible p. 53, LG p. 69

An angel appears to Mary.

This is the word of the Lord.

HYMN #119 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!

A reading from the gospel of Luke chapter 2, verse 1-7. Bible p. 54, LG p. 71

Mary gives birth in Bethlehem.

This is the word of the Lord.

SOLOIST O Holy Night Stefen Kane, Soloist

A reading from the gospel of Luke chapter 2, verses 8-16. Bible p. 54-55, LG p. 71

Angels announce the Messiah.