



PRELUDE

Moment of silence

Song of Devotion (hymnal and screen)

#278 *Angels We Have Heard on High* (vs. 1&3)

Call to Worship (Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8; Matthew 2:2, 11)

Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

People: Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song.

Leader: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;

People: for He is our God and we are the people of His pasture, the flock under His care.

Leader: Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the One who has been born king of the Jews? We saw His star when it rose and have come to worship Him."

People: On coming to the house, they bowed down and worshiped Him.

All: Today, if only you would hear His voice, "Do not harden your hearts."

Invocation:

Leader: Almighty God, we have come to worship our Savior: the Babe born in Bethlehem. Fill us anew with the joy of Your gracious gift. Let the light of Your Spirit burn brightly in our hearts and drive our darkness away. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

***Carol of Praise** (hymnal and screen)

249 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Reader: The first Advent Candle reminds us that God's people waited in hope for God to fulfill the promise of an eternal King and priest who would intercede for the people.

Congregation: We acknowledge that to wait in hope for our Savior who will reign over us for all eternity.

Scripture: Luke 2:1-7

Duet *The First Noel/Pachelbel's Canon*
Valerie King & Kelsey McKibben

Arr. Michael Clawson

Lighting the Second Advent Candle:

Reader: The second Advent candle calls us to repent and be holy just as God is Holy.

Congregation: We know that we do not have the power to cleanse ourselves, so we must seek God's purifying power in our lives to restore us to righteousness.

Scripture: Luke 2:8-20

Carol (hymnal and screen)

#277 *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

Reader: The gift of grace which cleanses us from all wrongs should cause us to be filled with joy.

Congregation: Let the third Advent candle remind us to rejoice in the God of mercy who takes great delights in us.

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12

Carol (hymnal and screen)

288 *We Three Kings*

Lighting the Fourth Advent Candle

Reader: Peace with God and with each other can only come when all selfishness is removed from our lives.

Congregation: The fourth Advent Candle reminds us to submit our minds, and desires to God and focus our thoughts on God's will and not our own. Then God will be our peace!

Special Music *O Holy Night* Carissa King-vocalist & Marsha Bristly-piano

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

The Call
Offertory
Doxology and blessing

Scripture: Isaiah 9:2-7

Sermon "A Light in Our Darkness"

Rev. Dr. Richard A. King

Praise Song (screen)

He Shall Reign Forevermore

Jon Rottink-vocalist

Chris Tomlin

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion is open to all who believe in Jesus Christ.

Partake of the bread as it is served;

Hold the cup to drink together as one body.

Invitation

Prayer of blessing

Distribution of elements

Prayer of dedication

Candle Light Service

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

Pastor: John 12:8 When Jesus spoke again to the people, He said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

The Passing of the Light

(Hold lit candles straight up and dip unlit candles toward the flame to light them)

CAROL (hymnal and screen)

#253 *Silent Night! Holy Night!*

BENEDICTION

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

POSTLUDE



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