***BENEDICTION** Rev. Tony Johnson

POSTLUDE *Hark the Herald Angels Sing* arr. Ted Ricketts
Orchestra

Please stand and sing as led

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Musicians
Daniel deShazo, Director of Music & Worship Arts
Jessica Kaufhold, Children's Choir Director
Walt Rogers, Organist
Kathy Wallace, Pianist
Brian Skoog, Tenor
Sanctuary Choir
Guest Orchestra

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ALTAR & NARTHEX FLOWERS

In honor of our grandson, Rhys Knowles Parker, given by Jan and Ken Hoyle
In memory of her husband, Kenan Kern, and her son-in-law, Shane Haynes, given by Beth Kern
In celebration of my mother, Cathy Culberson, and her birthday on December 12th, given by Caroline, Chris and our three children- Benjamin, Henry & Elizabeth, who all call her "Nana"

SYMPATHY

To Dick and Janis Barnett & Joan Barnett on the death of
Dick's father & Joan's husband, Richard Barnett

SERVICE TIMES

December 17:
3rd Sunday of Advent - 9:45 A.M and 11:00 A.M Traditional
11:00 A.M. Modern

December 24:
4th Sunday of Advent - 9:45 A.M Traditional
11:00 A.M. Modern

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Services:
3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 11:00P.M. Traditional
5:00P.M. Modern

December 31:
9:45 A.M Traditional
11:00 A.M. Modern

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Order of Worship

CHIMING OF THE HOUR
The bells ring three times to represent the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

***OPENING HYMN** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ADESTE FIDELES

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem. Come and behold him, born the King of angels; O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal, lo, he shuns not the Virgin's womb; Son of the Father, begotten, not created; O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest; O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning, Jesus to thee be all glory given. Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

***WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE** 9:45 Rev. John Ray
11:00 Rev. Nancy Harper

ANTHEM *Angels We Have Heard On High* arr. Gary Fry
Children's Choir, Sanctuary Choir, Orchestra

ANTHEM *Angels From the Realms of Glory* arr. Dan Forrest
Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra

HYMN *Joy to the World* arr. Mack Wilberg
(Please remain seated)

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

ANTHEM *What Sweeter Music* John Rutter
Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra

ANTHEM *Christmas Day* Gustav Holst
Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra
Sandy Litkenhous, Bill Lawrence, Amy Ferguson, Kayla Smith; soloists

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Tony Johnson

ANTHEM *Gesu Bambino* Pietro A. Yon
Brian Skoog, Tenor

ANTHEM *Carol of the Bells* arr. McKay/Ames
Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra

ANTHEM *God Bless Us Everyone from "A Christmas Carol"* Alan Silvestri
Brian Skoog, Tenor & Sanctuary Choir

***HYMN SING** *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing/Angels We Have Heard on High*

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plain
And the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strain.
Gloria in excelsis deo! Gloria in excelsis deo!

Hark! the herald angels sing. "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful all ye nations rise, Join the triumphs of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing "Glory to the newborn King"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, Risen with healing in His wings,
Mild he lays his glory by. Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sin "Glory to the newborn King"

Gloria in excelsis deo!