***HYMN SING** *Sing the Carols of Christmas*

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.

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie, above thy deep and dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by,
Yet in thy dark streets shineth, the everlasting Light
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping,
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the son of Mary!

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 triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing "Glory to the newborn King"

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Tony Johnson

POSTLUDE *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* arr. Ted Ricketts
Orchestra

Please stand and sing as led

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

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The bells ring three times to represent the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

PRELUDE *From the Realms of Glory!* arr. Patrick Roszell

HYMN *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ADESTE FIDELES

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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 MEET AND GREET** Rev. Tony Johnson

ANTHEM *Do You Hear What I Hear?* arr. Harry Simeone
Children's Choir, Sanctuary Choir, Orchestra

ANTHEM *Away In a Manger* arr. Taylor Scott Davis
Kaitlyn Cox, Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra

HYMN *Angels We Have Heard On High* arr. Norris

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be, which inspire your heavenly song?

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see, Christ whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

See Him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise.
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

ANTHEM *O Little Town of Bethlehem* arr. Dan Forrest
Jaime Harper, Tenor Sax; Sanctuary Choir, Orchestra

HYMN *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* arr. Dan Forrest
(Please remain seated)

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

2nd verse choir only

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit, rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

HYMN *It Came Upon A Midnight Clear* arr. Jantz A. Black
(Please remain seated)

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, goodwill to all, from heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

And ye, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way, with painful steps and slow,
Look now! for glad and golden hours, come swiftly on the wing.
O rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing!

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Tony Johnson

ANTHEM *Mary, Did You Know?* arr. Craig Courtney
Daniel deShazo, Solo; Sanctuary Choir, Orchestra, Jessica Kaufhold, Conductor

HYMN *Let There Be Peace On Earth* arr. Craig Courtney

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me
Let there be peace on earth, The peace that was meant to be.

With God our creator, children all are we
Let us walk with each other, In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow.

To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.