OFFERTORY *O Holy Night* arr. David Clydesdale
Amy Ferguson, Solo; Sanctuary Choir, Orchestra

† **DOXOLOGY** VENI EMMANUEL

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

ANTHEM *Breath of Heaven* arr. Craig Courtney
Abby Sandlin, Solo; Sanctuary Choir, Orchestra

ANTHEM *Festive Variations and Toccata on 'I Saw Three Ships'* arr. David Laskey
Walt Rogers, Organ

ANTHEM *The Many Moods of Christmas, Suite I* arr. Robert Shaw
Good Christian Men, Rejoice
Silent Night
Pat-A-Pan
O Come, All Ye Faithful

† **Please stand and sing as led**

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.

† **BENEDICTION** Rev. Tony Johnson

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

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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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ALTAR FLOWERS
In celebration of Jonathan & Kathy Howton's 18th wedding anniversary, given by Hannah Kate & Jack Howton
In honor of our 35th anniversary today by Ruth and Hank Dahlene

SYMPATHY
To Mike and Sharon Weaver on the death of Mike's mother, Anne Rodgers Weaver

DONUT SPONSORS
This week's Lickin' Good donuts are in honor of Cathy Hayhurst, given by Art & Sally Dumais

BIRTHS (Rosebuds on the Altar)
Congratulations to Allon & Lea Ann Chadwick on the Birth of their grandson, John Clark (Jack) Lawler
Congratulations to Reid and Allysa Turner on the birth of their daughter, Emory Grace Turner

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CHIMING OF THE HOUR

† **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 ANNOUNCEMENTS** Rev. Tony Johnson

† **MEET AND GREET**

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.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH 9:30 Sandy & Lit Litkenhous
11:00 Leslie Linthicum

Father, prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth joyfully! We thank you for faithfully doing what you promised long ago when you sent your Son to earth so that we might have the chance to become part of your family. Let the promise of your second coming inspire us to live with hope and purpose.

As we wait for your plan to unfold, give us the patience we need. Remind us of the peace we can access when we take time to still ourselves before you and remember that you are God. We thank you that you are both sovereign and gracious.

Help us to find peace in the midst of what feels like chaos in our world. Amen.

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus. In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

ANTHEM *Lullaby Noel* George Strid
Children's Choir

ANTHEM *Somewhere In My Memory* John Williams
Children's Choir, Sanctuary Choir, & Orchestra

Soloists: Madeline Rehm, Nina Rose Johnson, Rebecca Kaufhold, Molly Moon, Hannah Colorado, Elizabeth Green, Carter Hall

HYMN *Angels We Have Heard On High* GLORIA
(Please remain seated)

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!

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 *In Bethlehem* Eric Dewar & Dan Forrest
Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Nancy Harper

HYMN *First Noel* arr. Dan Forrest
(Please remain seated)

All:
The first Noel the angels did say was to certain poor shepherds
In fields as they lay, in fields where they lay
Keeping their sheep on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain:
Noel Noel Noel Noel! Born is the King of Israel!

Women Only:
They looked up and saw a star shining in the East beyond them far,

Men Only:
And to the earth it gave great light, And so it continued both day and night.

Refrain:
Noel Noel Noel Noel! Born is the King of Israel!

All:
And by the light of that same star three wise men came from country far,
To seek for a King was their intent and to follow the star wherever it went.

Refrain:
Noel Noel Noel Noel! Born is the King of Israel!

ANTHEM *The Glory Of The Lord from "Messiah"* George F. Handel
Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Tony Johnson