

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

December 25, 2022

Christmas Day

10:00 AM

\*Please stand if you are comfortable standing.

**PRELUDE** *What Child Is This?*

**WELCOME**

**JOIN IN THE CANDLE LIGHTING of THE CHRIST CANDLE**

Leader: We came together in a time of waiting.

**People: We waited in peace and anticipation.**

Leader: We came together in a time of waiting.

**People: We waited in hope and anticipation.**

Leader: We came together in a time of waiting.

**People: We waited in joy for what has come and will come yet again.**

Leader: We came together in a time of waiting.

**People: We waited with hearts full of love.**

Leader: Come, all who have been waiting.

**People: We have been waiting these four weeks.**

Leader: Receive the one who comes to bring us peace, hope, joy, and love in God's promises fulfilled.

**People: We receive the One who is born in a lowly place only to be raised in highest majesty.**

Leader: The Lord is here.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**CANDLE LIGHTING HYMN #119** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

*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!"*

*Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate deity,  
Pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
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 we no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing. "Glory to the newborn king!"*

**PASSING the PEACE**

**\*HYMN MEDLEY**

*Angels We Have Heard on High (vs 1-2)*

*O Little Town of Bethlehem (vs 1-2)*

*God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen (vs 1-2)*

*O Come, All Ye Faithful (vs 1-2)*

**CALL TO CONFESSION (One)**

Today we celebrate that Jesus, our Lord, came to earth as a human, just like us but without sin. He came so that we who sin may be freed from sin. With the peace that comes from knowing Jesus came, let us confess our sins and be forgiven.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

**O God, in the beginning you spoke, and creation was born, the object of your loving care. In the fullness of time you spoke, and the Word became flesh, Jesus, gift of your love. We wonder at the miracle of creation; we stand in awe before the mystery of the incarnation. Forgive us earthbound creatures, feeble in faith, empty of hope, lacking in love. This year let the miracle and mystery of Christmas happen for us again. We wait upon you with ready hearts, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

**KYRIE SOLO RESPONSE**

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**DECLARATION OF PARDON (responsively)**

One: Amen. The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all. Friends, believe in the Good News of the Gospel.

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #134** *Joy to the World (vs 1)*

Antioch

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth received her king;  
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven a nature sing.*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SERMON**

*"One More Time For the People in Back"*

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**Invitation to the Table**

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Sanctus**                      **Hymn #552**                      **Holy, Holy, Holy**                      Land of Rest  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer  
Words of Institution  
Prayer  
Distribution of the Elements  
Communion  
Communion Music

*Still, Still, Still*

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and Lord's Prayer ("debts")**

**OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS**

Offertory                      *Away In A Manger*

\*Doxology (Unison) Hymn #606

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*\*HYMN MEDLEY                      *It Came Upon A Midnight Clear (all verses)  
The First Noel (all verses)  
Joy To The World (all verses)*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE                      *Sing We Now of Christmas*                      French Carol/Mark Hayes

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**Christ Welcomes All Here!**

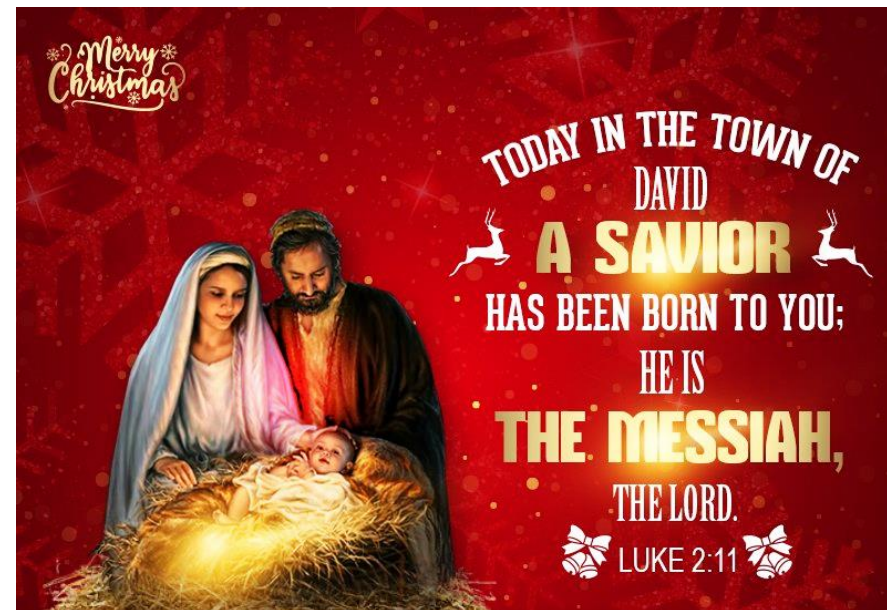
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