



PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus came as a baby in a manger.

O come, let us adore him.

Jesus came in a lowly stable.

O come, let us adore him.

Shepherds brought their worship.

O come, let us adore him.

Angels sang his praise.

O come, let us adore him.

Magi brought their gifts.

O come, let us adore him.

What shall we do?

O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

CAROL #133 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

**Everlasting God,
you wonderfully created
and yet more wonderfully restored
the dignity of human nature.
In your mercy, by the power of the Holy Spirit,
grant that we may share the divine life
of Jesus Christ,
who humbled himself to share our humanity
and who now lives
and by the Holy Spirit intercedes for us
and for all the world. Amen.**

CAROL #119 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

OPENING OUR HEARTS TO GOD

**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,
lacking of hope, struggling to 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.**

(time for silent prayers and reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

—based on Isaiah 52:9-10; Luke 2:14

Break forth together into singing,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the Lord has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
The Lord has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations;
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.
People of God, through the coming of Jesus
Christ,
whose birth we celebrate,
the Lord has comforted and redeemed us too!

**In Christ we receive the salvation of our God.
Glory to God in the highest!**



CAROL #132 *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:21-40

MESSAGE Incarnation and Ordinariness

CAROL #121 *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory
now and forever. Amen.*

HYMN #136 *Go, Tell it on the Mountain*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*"As the Father has sent me, so I send you."
- John 20:21*

