



PRELUDE *Still, Still, Still*

- Ian Alvarez & Mackenzie Alvarez,
marimbas

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

A new day has dawned, a new year has begun!

**We give thanks for new opportunities
and fresh starts.**

The world turns to hopes and dreams of the
future.

**O Lord, keep us in your ways
and on your path.**

We enter this new year with hope and
anticipation.

**O Lord, remind us that you lead us;
guide us as look to you
in the days to come,
and guide us now
in this time of worship,
as we sing praise
for the One whose birth
brings newness of life to all.**

CAROL #133 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

– verses 1, 3, 4

PRAYER OF PRAISE

As this new year dawns, we welcome you
into our hearts and into the world.
With the angels who sang at Christ's birth
we sing 'Glory to God in the highest!'
With sages and saints, we offer gifts of praise
and the gratitude of our hearts,
for the Savior of the world has come!

RESPONSE #143 *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

**Creative God, you make all things new
in heaven and on earth.**

**We come to you on the first day of this year
with new desires and old fears,
new decisions and old controversies,
new dreams and old weaknesses.**

**Because you are a God of hope,
we know that you create all the possibilities
of the future.**

**Because you are a God of love,
we know that you forgive and transform
all the mistakes of the past.**

**Because you are the God of our faith,
we enter your gates with thanksgiving and
praise,
and a desire to trust you more.**

(time for silent prayers and reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE—from 2Corinthians 5:17-
18:

*"If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
everything old has passed away; see,
everything has become new! All this is from
God, who reconciled us to himself through
Christ, and has given us the ministry of
reconciliation."*

In Christ Jesus we are a renewed community.

Thanks be to God!

Old things are done away with,
all things become new.

Thanks be to God!

We are agents of grace and reconciliation.

Thanks be to God!

With every step or stumble,
Christ will be with us.

Thanks be to God!

***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 *Carols from the British Isles:*
Wexford Carol
Coventry Carol
In the Bleak Midwinter
Sussex Carol
- David Little, piano

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

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN #119 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

SPECIAL MUSIC *Sweet Little Jesus Boy,*
by Robert McGimsey
- Sharon Eddy, soloist

SCRIPTURE READINGS Luke 2:21-40
Matthew 2:1-12

MESSAGE Their Journeys, Our Journey

HYMN #152 *What Star is This,*
with Beams So Bright

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

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.*