



**PRELUDE** *We Three Kings*, by John Henry Hopkins  
- Ian & Mackenzie Alvarez, vibraphone duet

## WELCOME

## CALL TO WORSHIP

We hear, today, the joyous outbreak of angel's singing!

**We see the star shining brightly  
above the stable!**

We gather in wonder  
with Mary and Joseph at the manger!

**We join in awe with the wise men and  
shepherds as we celebrate our long awaited  
hope!**

We come with hearts and hands and voices  
in an act of joyous celebration!

**We come to worship and adore Christ the Lord!**

**HYMN #133** *O Come All Ye Faithful*

## PRAYER OF PRAISE

For all who have walked in darkness,  
a new light has dawned!

**O come, let us adore him!**

For any who have ever felt forgotten,  
a new light has dawned!

**O come, let us adore him!**

For any who are in search of the way,  
the truth and the life, a new light has dawned!

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

## RESPONSE #110 *Love Has Come*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

O Lord Jesus, on this holy day, we open our hearts  
and our homes to you. Come and fill us with hope,  
peace, joy and love. Wherever and whenever they  
are lacking, replenish us with whatever is lacking.  
Be born in us now, that we might be channels of  
your light, your life and you love. Amen.

(silent prayer and reflection)

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

We lift up our eyes to receive within us the  
everlasting light of Christ that burns within us.

**Thanks be to God!**

## PASSING THE PEACE

As Mary gave birth to the light of Christ, so may we  
make room in our lives for the light of Christ to be  
born in our time and place. May the light of Christ  
shine forth through the Christmas season into our  
world.

**HYMN #137** *He Came Down That We Might Have Life*  
**#128** *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*  
**#146** *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** Luke 2:1-20

**MESSAGE** "Is Anything Stranger than God in a  
Manger?"

**HYMN #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 #119** *Hark, the Herald Angels Sing*

### BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** *Silver Bells, by Jay Livingston & Ray Evans*  
- Ian & Mackenzie Alvarez, vibraphone duet

