

CHRISTMAS DAY!

**TODAY WE LIGHT THE
CANDLE OF LOVE**

Sunday December 25th, 2022

PRELUDE:

MEDITATION PRAYER:

“And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn.”

(Luke 2:7)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Meet & Greet:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

P: Wonderful people, the angel, said: “To you in David's town this day is born the Savior Christ, the Lord!”

C: We heard that the angels sang the Glad Tidings, and how they rejoiced! Let the whole universe rejoice, and let there be peace on earth!

P: The bright star shone so bright and alerted many of the newborn King.

C: Today on Christmas Day, our hearts are in-tune to accept our Lord as the Savior of this world. We joyfully join in the good news that our Redeemer was born, and he is still alive!

P: Let us sing the news of his birth, and let us bask in the wonders of his love.

ALL: Indeed, when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son born of a woman. A Savior was born to save mankind from their sins. Amen.

OPENING HYMN: #141 (Red Hymnal, Verses 1-4 only) “The First Nowell”

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

Father, on this Christmas Day, we gather to worship you. Your glad tidings direct us to the story of old when the infant Son was born in Bethlehem. Though it was many years ago, the story is well documented in your Holy Bible. On this December morning, and as Christians, we take a deep pause to concentrate on these words. We thank you, Lord, for coming into this world to save us. The King of all creation was cradled in a manger on a cold winter's night. The Patriarchs called him Emmanuel, meaning God is with us, and today we rejoice knowing that this same God is within us and is still with us! Arise, great God,

and show us the way to continue to follow in your footsteps. Amen.

READING: Psalm 72:10-11 and verse 15

SERMON: 'No Danger to God in the Manger'

HYMN: #140 (Red Hymnal, verses 1-3) “What Child Is This”

HYMN: #134 (Red Hymnal, verses 1-2 only) “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

HYMN: #143 (Red Hymnal, verses 1-2 only) “We Three Kings of Orient Are”

HYMN: #132 (Red Hymnal, verses 1-2 only) “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

OFFERTORY INVITATION:

DOXOLOGY:

PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

HYMN: #130 (Red Hymnal, all three verses) “Joy to the World”

HYMN: #137 (Red Hymnal, all two verses) “Away in a Manger”

A TIME OF SILENT PRAYER:

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER: (in unison)

Dear Jesus, today we celebrate your Birthday. You who knew no sin became sin for us. You who knew no sin was born to save us. Thank you for coming into this world to save all of humanity from the wrath of despair. As we unwrap gifts and spend time with our family and friends, may we focus on love and the importance of loving our neighbors as ourselves. We believe in our hearts and confess with our mouths that You are the essence and focal point of the Christmas Story. Glory and honor belong to You, and blessed be Your Name forever and ever, world without end. Thanks for all you've done, and Happy Birthday to you! Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

MUSICAL RESPONSE:

CLOSING HYMN: #120 (Red Hymnal, all 3 verses) “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE: