

WELCOME AND CENTERED WORDS

PRELUDE AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Welcome tonight to a celebration like no other!

P: This is the night of the Holy Birth!

L: Let the love of Jesus be born in your hearts and spirits!

P: Open our hearts to receive this blessed gift, Loving God.

L: Rejoice, good friends, the Good News is here!

P: Christ our Savior is Born! Hallelujah! AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, with joy and thanksgiving, we gather as your people. We have come to hear again the timeless story of Christ's birth. In the excitement of this night, quiet our hearts that we may know the peace and fullness of this holy time. Shine, O Light, in the darkness of our world. Sing, O angels, in the stillness of our hearts, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those God favors." Help us share this incredible story with everyone we meet, not just today, but every single day. Amen!

Hymn: O Come All Ye Faithful UMH # 234. vs. 1-3

CHRIST CANDLE LIGHTING: By the Anderson Family

READING: The Prophecy of the Messiah Isaiah 9:3-7

HYMN: The First Noel UMH # 245 vs. 1,2 & 4

READING: The Preparation for the Birth of Jesus Luke 2:1-5

SPECIAL MUSIC: Ann Shriver, Louis Shriver, and Joel Stein

READING: Jesus is Born Luke 2:6-7

HYMN: Away in a Manger UMH # 217

READING: Jesus' Birth is Announced to the Shepherds and The Shepherds Find the Baby Jesus Luke 2:9-13, Luke 1:14-20

HYMN: Hark the Herald Angels Sing UMH # 240

READING: The Wise Men Bring Their Gifts to Jesus Matthew 2:1-12

HYMN: We Three Kings UMH # 254 vs. 1-3,5

REFLECTION: "The Greatest Gift of All"

HYMN: Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast UMH #616 vs. 1 & 2

HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN Angels, From the Realms of Glory UMH #220

THE PASSING OF THE LIGHT

HYMN: Silent Night UMH # 239 vs. 1,3 & 4

BENEDICTION

Thank you for worshipping with us!

Blessings and Merry Christmas

Poinsettia Dedications



Ayxl and Fiona Nicoletti-Calvert and Brodie Grandgeorge provided a poinsettia in memory of Richard Nicoletti and Connie Grandgeorge-Nicoletti.

Kelly and Melody Amonson provided a poinsettia in memory of Lyle and Gwen Amonson, and Fred and Frances Evans.

Kelly and Melody Amonson provided a poinsettia in celebration of their children and grandchildren.

Larry and Peg Hill provided two poinsettias in celebration of Christmas.

Don Smith provided a poinsettia in memory of Carol Smith.

Clarence and Betty Wilde provided a poinsettia in memory of Cecil and Lana Wilde, and Mike and Nellie Adams.

Claudia Olson provided a poinsettia in memory of her brother John.

Claudia Olson provided a poinsettia in memory of Keith and Dottie Voigt.

The families of Don and Dean Grandgeorge provided a poinsettia in memory of the two men.

Candi Jones provided two poinsettias in memory of Opal and Gaylord Jones.

Lincoln Bartley provided a poinsettia in memory of Marge and Chuck Bartley.

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