

THE CHURCH GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

December 24, 2017

11:00 a.m.

We believe that worship is essential to our faith. When we gather, we gather in the midst of God. His Spirit inspires us and directs our fellowship with each other and with Him. May you find the joy of God's love and grace as we share this time together.

We would also ask that in consideration of other worshipers, please turn off, or switch to silent mode, all paging and cellular devices.
Hearing Assistance devices are available from any usher.

WELCOME TO WORSHIPERS and MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Hewitt Family

Old Testament Reading – Jeremiah 23:5-6

New Testament Reading – John 3:16-18

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Long Ago, Prophets Knew

arr. Larson

*Long ago, prophets knew Christ would come, born a Jew, come to make all things new,
Bear his people's burden, freely love and pardon.*

*God in time, God in man, this is God's timeless plan: He will come, as a man, born himself of woman,
God divinely human.*

Ring, bells, ring, ring ring! Sing, choirs, sing, sing sing!

When He comes, When He comes, who will make him welcome?

*Mary, hail! Though afraid, she believed, she obeyed. In her womb, God is laid 'til the time expected,
Nurtured and protected.*

*Journey ends! Where afar Bethlehem shines, like a star, stable door stands ajar; unborn Son of Mary,
Savior, do not tarry!*

Becky Haney and Betty Hardison, handbells

INVOCATION

Jeff Allen

*HYMN NO. 85

The First Nowell

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CHILDREN'S TIME

Jeff Allen

ANTHEM

O Come to Set Us Free

McDonald

*Come, o come, our Savior, Messiah; Come to set us free, hallelujah! Come to set us free. We await Your holy birth,
Jesus, Light of the World; King of kings and Lord of lords, come to set us free, hallelujah! Come to set us free.*

Prince of Peace, He is God, our Redeemer; come to set us free, hallelujah! Come to set us free.

Glory to the Son of God, Light and Life of the World; King of kings and Lord of lords, come to set us free, Hallelujah!

O come, O come, Emmanuel! Come, O Come, our Savior, Messiah! O come to set us free. Emmanuel!

Ainesis

*HYMN NO. 109

Love Came Down at Christmas

GARTAN

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Tony Perkins

OFFERTORY

Fum, Fum, Fum

arr. Sanders

*DEDICATION OF GIFTS

Doxology

OLD 100TH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

ANTHEM

Long-Awaited One

Elsy

Come now, Child of promise, hope of all the earth. This broken world will be healed by Your most humble birth.

Come now, Child of mercy, Prince of Peace and grace. Your life will silence our fears and all our sins erase.

Long-awaited One, we will find rest in Your love. We have walked in darkness; let us see light from above.

Emmanuel, God with us, hope has begun. Emmanuel, You are the light, God's only Son.

You will come to save us all, O long-awaited One.

Come now, Child of heaven, Savior, King and friend. O living World of the Father, now to us descend.

Come now, Child of wonder, reign in majesty. Awaken all of creation, set our spirits free.

Come now, Come.

MEDITATION

What Gifts Do You Bring?

Ramon Smith

RESPONSE

Jesus Messiah

Carson, Cash, Reeves, & Tomlin

He became sin who knew no sin, that we might become His righteousness,

He humbled himself and carried the cross: Love so amazing, love so amazing

Jesus Messiah, name above all names, Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel

The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from heaven, Jesus Messiah, Lord of all

His body the bread, His blood the wine, broken and poured out, all for love

The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn: Love so amazing, love so amazing

Jesus Messiah, name above all names, Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel

The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from heaven, Jesus Messiah, Lord of all

All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You, All the glory to You, God, the Light of the world

Jesus Messiah, name above all names, Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel

The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from heaven, Jesus Messiah, Lord of all

Jesus, Messiah, the Lord of all, the Lord of all, You're the Lord of all.

*HYMN NO. 86

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

*BENEDICTION

Pastor

RESPONSE

Joy to the World! The Lord is Come!

arr. Stephenson

POSTLUDE

*Those who are able are asked to stand.

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Today

11:00 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

Monday

Wednesday

Thursday

7:30 p.m.

Saturday

7:00 a.m.

Morning Worship
Christmas Eve Service

Office Closed

No Family Night Activities

APB Rehearsal

A Men's Bible Study



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All Believers

Rev. Ramon E. Smith

Rev. Jeff Allen

Rev. Mary Keltner

Rev. Matt Wilson

Dr. Charles D. Edwards

Teresa Hill

Chi Chi Messick

Tony Perkins