

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP ORDER

*As we enter, let us quietly prepare to worship God.
Please silence all cell phones so that we might have a reverent service.*

11:00 a.m.

December 10, 2023

PRELUDE “Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning”—Lloyd Larsen

CHORAL INTROIT “Will We Know Him?”—Besig/Price

WELCOME & COMMUNITY CALL TO WORSHIP John Reuscher
Unison: We are unconditionally loved, undeservedly forgiven, freed to be ourselves, and fully alive in Jesus Christ. Let us worship God.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING Bill & Jane Bradfield

***HYMN** “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” #1

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

U: God of Grace, we confess that we struggle to hear your voice in the midst of a noisy world. When things don’t go our way, we assume you have ignored us or forgotten us. Forgive us. Let us look and listen with a renewed trust in you, for you are the God who is with us and for us now and forever.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***PRAISE RESPONSE** “Gloria Patri” #579
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Sydney Fletcher

GOD’S WORD READ Matthew 1:18-25

**Please stand as you are able.*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC “Shepherds, Tell the News”—Dengler

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED “Jesus Changed My Life: Joseph”

***HYMN** “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” #8
Prayer requests will be collected at this time.

***PROFESSION OF FAITH – APOSTLES’ CREED**

L: Let us profess what we believe together using the Apostles’ Creed.

U: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived
by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under
Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to
hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to
heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion
of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and
the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

U: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy
kingdom come. Thy 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
Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Come and See the Child”—Greg Gilpin

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING OF THE PEACE** - *share the peace of Christ with your immediate
neighbors by saying, “The Peace of Christ be with you” and sharing your names.*

L: The peace of Christ be with you. **U: And also with you.**

***HYMN** “Angels We Have Heard on High” #23

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

L: Let us go into the world

U: To be the church

L: A beacon of hope

U: Reviving the world through God’s love. Amen

CHORAL BENEDICTION “The Light of Christmas”—Joel Raney

POSTLUDE



*Each Sunday we encourage you to join us from 10:15 to 11 a.m. on the
patio or in Trevitt Hall for coffee, conversation, and fellowship.*