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Merry Christmas from the Staff

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WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather this morning to celebrate the newborn Light that is Jesus Christ.

Together, we worship and adore the Christ-child.

Like Mary we ponder the beauty of God in flesh.

Like Joseph we bow down in surrender to the strength of God.

So, lift up your hearts in thanks, for a child, the Child, has been born!

His reign shall have no end!

His reign will be forever and ever!

His reign will be over ever everyone and everything! Now, we worship the newborn King!

*CAROL Angels We Have Heard on High 238 (red book)

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 2:1-20 (NT 58)

MESSAGE "The Joy of Christ's Birth" Rev. Madison Ailinger

*CAROL Good Christian Friends, Rejoice 224 (red book)

PRAYER

Heavenly God,

On this most Holy Christmas Day, we come before you with hearts full of love. Thank you for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, whose birth we celebrate, a beacon of hope and a sign of your unending love for the world. As we gather together, we pray for the spirit of Christmas to fill our lives. Change our lives from the inside out so we can better follow you. In Jesus Christ's Name We Pray, Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

895 (red book)

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 trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.

*CAROL Joy to the World 246 (red book)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

A free-will offering is available in the entrance hall at the back of the church.