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CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

December 16, 2018

11:00 AM

PRELUDE "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" Prichard (Hyfrydol)

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE APPROACH GOD

CHORAL INTROIT "Advent Proclamation" Dengler

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING "Draw Near to Joy" The Momeyer Family

***HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 115** "Away in a Manger" Mueller

***ADVENT PRAYER**

We thank you, God, for those in Scripture who pointed the way to Christ; prophets and angels and Mary. We also thank you for those in our lives who point the way to Christ: pastors, teachers, family and friends. Help us to see Christ in everyday people, and in people different from us, and in all people, no matter who they may be. We know Christ who forgives us, and helps us, who turns sadness into gladness, and remakes what is ruined. So let us point the way to Christ so all may have the Light of the World. Amen.

***ACT OF PRAISE** "All Beautiful the March of Days" Forest Green

***O'er white expanses sparkling pure The radiant mourns unfold;
The solemn splendors of the night Burn brighter through the cold;
Life mounts in every throbbing vein, Love deepens round the hearth. And clearer
sounds the angel hymn, "Good will to all on earth."***

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRIMARY CHOIR "We Wait for Him" Schram

GOSPEL FOR YOUNG PEOPLE Teaching Elder Keith Sundberg
(Following the time with children, our young people through kindergarten age, may be excused to childcare)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Holy God, giver of life and light, as we hear the good news of your word,
shine your truth and love brightly in our hearts and minds.
Then, with your inspiration, may our lives reflect your glory into the world,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 2:14-15, 4:4-7; NT 197-8

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

"The Tiniest Christmas Star"

Tina English

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

A MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

***HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 116** "The Snow Lay on the Ground" Venite Adoramus

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY

INVITATION TO PRAYER

"Come Lord, Come Life"
Chancel Choir

Wagner

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

RECEPTION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem

"Oh, Come Divine Messiah"
Chancel Choir

Grotenhuis

*Offertory Response

"Praise God!"

St. Anne

***Praise God, that miracles of birth declare the Spirit's might;
New life is ever by our Lord created and restored.***

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

TAKING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

- *CLOSING HYMN NO. 136** "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" Go Tell It
- *CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**
- *BENEDICTION RESPONSE** "Prepare the Way of the Lord" Govenor
Chancel Choir
- *POSTLUDE** "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns" arr. Johnson

*Please rise in body or spirit

Bold lettering is to be read responsively by the congregation

Bold lettering that is italicized is to be sung by the congregation

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