GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT AND CHRIST CANDLE-LIGHTING

Henry & Nathan Knuth

+ GATHERING CAROL  
Away in a Manger  
#147

*Please stand in body or spirit

+ OPENING PRAYER

One:  As the Holy Child comes to birth,

All:  Hurry us down to Bethlehem for rejoicing!

One:  As the Holy Child breaks into the world,

All:  Hurry us down to Bethlehem for celebration!

One:  As the Holy Child awakes to the needs of the world,
One: Abundant God, Flesh of our Flesh, Food of our Hope, Water of Life, we rejoice in your arrival; All: Fulfill our longing for your Love. Amen.

* PASSING THE LIGHT The Light of Christ be with you: And also with you.

CAROL It Came Upon the Midnight Clear #153

GOSPEL READING Luke 2:8-20 Transl. by Wil Gafney

PRAYERFUL RESPONSE Pastor Rachel

CAROL I Wonder as I Wander #161

CAROL What Child is This? #162

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING Jonah Knuth

OFFERTORY MUSIC Lo, How A Rose E’er Blooming #160

* DOXOLOGY Tune: Cranham
What can I offer, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb. If I were a wise one, I would do my part; But what I can I offer? All my heart.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION - Feasting on the Word
One: In this gifting season, O God, we are grateful for the gift of your own dear child, our Savior, Jesus Christ. All: Receive, we pray, these offerings we bring. May they be used in the service of your grace and truth dwelling among us. In Christ’s holy name we pray. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER ending with The Lord’s Prayer

Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Thy kin-dom 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 kin-dom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

* PARTING CAROL Go Tell It on the Mountain #167

* BENEDICTION

PARTING MUSIC

Following worship, all are welcome to gather for Kinship Time in the Bell Tower Courtyard.
Minister  Rev. Rachel Knuth
Musicians  Andy DelMonte
Chancel Décor  Kathy Matthies
Tech Support  Aaron Knuth & Marin Broadbent-Bell

**CHURCH STAFF TEAM**

Lead Minister  Rev. Dr. Benjamin Broadbent
Associate Minister of Faith Formation  Rev. Lacey Hunter
Associate Min. of Congregational Care  Rev. Rachel Knuth
Keyboardist  J. Althea
Handbell Director  Karna Roa
Choral Director  Andy DelMonte
Congregational Administrator  Chris Chang Weeks
Bookkeeper  Deanna Euritt
Custodian  Luis Guzman (Temp)
& Maria Mojica (On leave)

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