

Christmas Day Service of Worship  
December 25, 2022  
11:00AM

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

Shout for joy

The whole earth,  
and everything within.

**Rejoice!**

**For Light has come into the world.**

**The mountains sing,**

**the seas resound**

**to the praise of your name.**

Salvation

once promised is here on earth.

The angels' song

rings in the air,

a child has been born,

**Hallelujah!**

**The Savior of the world is here.**

\*Hymn 132 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!

\*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed p. 35

Prayer

Robert Louis Stevenson

Loving God, help us remember the birth of Jesus that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise ones.

Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May this Christmas morning make us happy to be your children, and this Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Scripture Reading John 1:1-18 p. 1613

Time With Our Young Disciples

Celebrating the Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table Words of Institution Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer after Communion

**Empower us by your Spirit, O God,  
to be Christ's presence in the world  
even as Jesus was God-with-us.  
Give us courage to speak his truth,  
to seek his justice,  
and to love with his love.  
Keep us faithful in your service  
until Christ comes in final victory  
and we shall feast with all your saints  
in the joy of your eternal realm.  
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,  
now and forever. Amen.**

\*Hymn 145 What Child Is This?

Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

\*Christmas Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

Reading and Ringing "Ring Out, Wild Bells!" Alfred Lord Tennyson

Everyone is invited to choose a bell, or more than one, and come to the Main Street entrance of the church. Bundle up!

\*Blessing

Go now, and be enthusiastic agents of Christ's hope, peace, joy, and love this day and always.  
Amen.