

Christmas Worship Service
December 24, 2017

Theme: "We welcome the messenger of love and saving Grace"

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

*Gathering Songs: **"Angels We Have Heard on High"** BoP#147
 "Angels from the Realms of Glory" BoP#146

*Call to Worship & God's Greeting:

Let us go, in heart and mind, to see what has come to pass.

Let us go with the shepherds:

Let us go to find the Savior!

Let us go with the wise ones:

Let us go to find God's promise, born for us!

Let us go with the poor and humble:

Let us go to find our King, born in a lowly manger.

Let us go with all the world, with all the peoples of the nations.

Come, let us worship; come, let us adore him:

Christ the Lord!



May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

*We Pass the Peace of Christ to Our Neighbour

WE LIGHT THE CHRIST CANDLE

Song: **"Hope is a Star"** BoP#119

Lighting of the Love Candle: Marsha, Secoya and Timmy

*Songs of Adoration (includes a reading from John 1 and Lighting of the Christ Candle):

"Adore"

1 You stepped down from heaven
Humbly You came
God of all creation
Here with us
In a starlit manger Emmanuel
Light of the world here to save

Adore
Come let us adore
O come let us adore Him
The Lord
Worship Christ the Lord
Let all that is within us adore

2 Wise men bring their treasures
Shepherds bow low
Angel voices sing
Of peace on earth
What have I to offer to heaven's King
I will bring my life my love my all Chorus

Angels sing praises ring
To the newborn King
Peace on earth here with us
Joy awakening
At Your feet we fall

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“Oh Come, All You Faithful” BoP#159, v.1,2,5

Youth message: “What is Christmas without Jesus?”

Song: **“Come On, Ring Those Bells”**

1 Ev'rybody likes to take a holiday
Ev'rybody likes to take a rest
Spending time together with the family

Sharing lots of love and happiness

Chorus

Come on ring those bells
Light the Christmas tree
Jesus is the King
Born for you and me
Come on ring those bells
Ev'rybody say
Jesus we remember this Your birthday

2 Celebrations come because of something good
Celebrations we love to recall
Mary had a baby boy in Bethlehem
The greatest celebration of them all

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Solo: "Ring Now the Bells" *Debbie Lamb*

Choir: "Ring da Bells"

GOD SPEAKS TO US FROM HIS WORD

Prayer for Understanding:

The Reading of Scripture:

Psalm 98
Isaiah 62:11-12

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon: "Help Comes at Last"

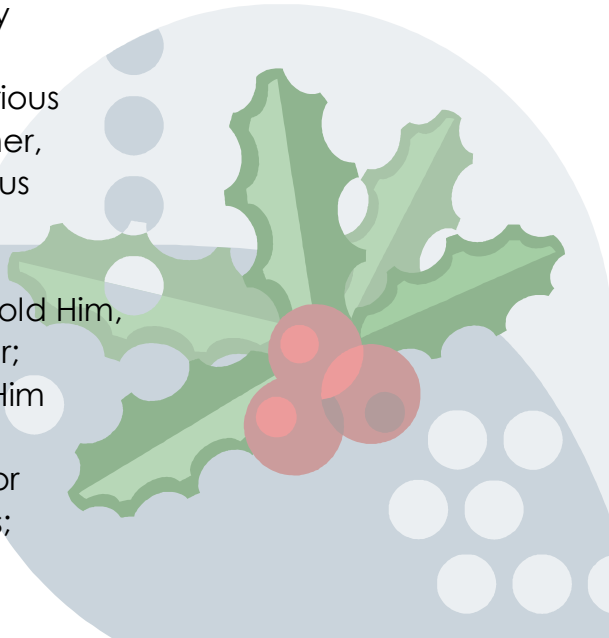
WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Response: "**Child in the Manger**"

1 Child in the manger,
infant of Mary;
outcast and stranger,
Lord of all;
Child who inherits
all our transgressions,
all our demerits
on Him fall.

2 Once the most holy
Child of salvation
gently and lowly
lived below;
now, as our glorious
mighty Redeemer,
see Him victorious
o'er each foe.

3 Prophets foretold Him,
infant of wonder;
angels behold Him
on His throne;
worthy our Savior
of all our praises;
happy forever
are His own.



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Prayers of God's People, concluding with the Lord's Prayer

WE BRING OUR GIFTS

Work and Witness of our Church

A Time of Giving

Sung Response: **"Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow"** BoP#79

WE LEAVE WITH CHRISTMAS JOY

The Benediction

Recessional Hymn: **“Joy to the World”** BoP#153

