

**Call to Worship**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**Invocation**

**Voluntary** *Of the Father's Love Begotten* Wilbur Held

**\* Chiming of the Trinity**

**\* Processional Hymn 220** *Angels from the Realms of Glory* *Regent Square*  
*Verses 1, 2, & 4*

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

Scripture: Micah 5:2

“But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,  
who are one of the little clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from  
of old, from ancient days.”

We light this candle and give thanks for your grace offered to unlikely shepherds of  
old, and unworthy sinners today.

Responsive Prayer:

Gentle God, you startle us with the goodness of your grace and your choice of the  
recipients of this grace.

**Continue to speak your word to us; whether it be spoken in a still, small voice or  
shouted from the housetops.**

Let us remember your goodness each day.

**Help us to be patient as your word grows in us and in others. In Christ's name we  
pray. Amen.**

**Welcome and Announcements****Anthem**

Sing, O Heavens  
Women of the Choir

Caleb Simper

Sing, O heavens, and be joyful, O earth; break forth into singing O mountains.

**Morning Prayers****Silent Prayers****Pastoral Prayer****The Lord's Prayer**

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.

**Offertory**

*Come Thou Almighty King*

Gerald Near

**Offertory Anthem**

*Mary Had a Baby*

Betty Pulkingham

Mary had a baby, my Lord. What did they name Him, my Lord?  
They name Him King Jesus, my Lord. Where was He born, my Lord?  
Born in a manger, my Lord.

**\* Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

Doxology No. 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;  
praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**Hymn 217**

*Away in a Manger*

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**Children's Moments**

*What's in the Box?*

*Children ages three through fourth-grade may go to Children's Church in room 216.  
Nurseries are provided for infants through age three in the Family Life Center.*

**Hymn 230**

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

*St. Louis*

**Scripture**

Luke 2: 1-20

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*Milk and Honey*

Reverend Mac Kinnett

\* Hymn 240

*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

*Medelssohn*

*You are invited to the altar during the singing of this hymn.  
Kneel ... commune with God ... return to your pew when ready.*

\* Benediction and Choral Response

\* Chiming of the Trinity

\* *All who are able, please stand.*

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The rose on the altar is in celebration of the birth of  
Parker Elizabeth Hardwick;  
Congratulations to parents, Chad and Shannon, big-sister Addison  
and grand-parents, Frankie and Shirley Hardwick.

