

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Invocation

Voluntary *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* Johannes Brahms

* **Chiming of the Trinity**

* **Processional Hymn 245** *The First Noel* *The First Noel*
Verses 1, 2, & 5

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Scripture: Isaiah 52:9-10

“Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.

The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.”

We light this candle giving thanks for the patience and faithfulness of Anna and Simeon. May we, too, learn to wait with patience and confidence in your love and grace.

Responsive Prayer:

Dear Lord, as the old year nears its end and a new year beckons,
help us to be faithful believers.

If your promises do not immediately come to pass,
give us the patience to wait.

And, when we recognize their fulfillment,

help us to celebrate in gratitude. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Anthem *Open the Gates* Dennis Allen
Cherub and Wesley Treble Choirs

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 *In Dulci Jubilo* Gerald Near

Offertory Anthem *The Jesus Gift* Gilbert Martin
Margaret Jordan, *alto*

* **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 218 *It Came upon the Midnight Clear* Carol

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 246 *Joy to the World* Antioch

Scripture Luke 2: 22-38

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *Getting Ready* Reverend Mac Kinnett

* Hymn 239

Silent Night, Holy Night

Stille Nacht

*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.*

Sermon Notes:

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Evening Service Carol Sing
In the Hut
6:00 p.m.

