



*Come worship, grow & serve with us to see transformed lives reflecting the love of Christ!  
Senior Pastor, Rev. Maria Campbell*

## Prelude

## Welcome & Announcements

## Song of Praise

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

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## Advent Candle Lighting

The Dragoo Family

## Hymn

There's a Song in the Air vs 3

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## Opening Prayer

Gracious God, as we gather today, we open our hearts to you, seeking your healing and transforming love. Our world cries for justice for all people, and we need you to teach us the ways of peace. Prepare us to be bearers of your peace and to share the joy we have found in following you In the precious name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

## Children's Moment

## Centering Song

Angels We Have Heard on High vs 1&3

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## Scripture

*Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11*

*The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.*

## 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.*

Anthem

Canticle of the Shepherds (arr. Kirkland)

Heritage Choir

Scripture

Matthew 1:1-6, 17-25

*An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of King David. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations. Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.*

Message

Witness

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Response to the Word

The Apostles' Creed

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Offertory

Doxology

*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*

Dedication of Offering

Lord, we bring a portion of all the gifts you have given to us in gratitude for these blessings. Use these gifts to support ministries of healing and hope. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Closing Song

O Come, All Ye Faithful vs 1-3

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Nativity Parade with the Children of Heritage

Blessing

Postlude

Director of Music Ministries—Jacob Eppel    Organist—Margaret Cinotto

Director of Audio-Visual Ministries—Jake Weskamp    Pianist—Jenny Memmott

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Reflect: When we fall, when we fail, God rebuilds our broken lives. He sent Jesus to free us from our sins and revive our faith in him. Sometimes we struggle to acknowledge our failures and our brokenness. What "blocks" you from God's love? What needs rebuilding in your life? Where has God helped you rebuild from the ashes of sin before and how will you share your story to others as a witness of the glory and goodness of God?

(Reflection is from the Walk to Bethlehem Stations. Visit today in Rm 101/102!)

## Worship Song Sheet Sunday 12.17.23

### Come Thou Long Expected Jesus #196 UMH

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,  
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

### There's a Song in the Air vs3 #249 UMH

In the light of that star lie the ages impearled; and that song from afar has swept over the world.  
Every hearth is aflame, and the beautiful sing in the homes of the nations that Jesus is King!

### Angels We Have Heard on High vs 1&3 #238 UMH

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.

**Glo - - - - ri - a, in excelsis Deo! Glo - - - - ri - a, in excelsis Deo!**

Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

**Glo - - - - ri - a, in excelsis Deo! Glo - - - - ri - a, in excelsis Deo!**

### O Come, All Ye Faithful vs 1-3 #234 UMH

Verse 1 – O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

**O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

Verse 2 – True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal, lo, he shuns not the Virgin's womb;  
Son of the Father, begotten, not created;

**O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

Verse 3 – Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;

**O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**