

WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S WORD

The Prelude invites us to begin our time of worship; please take this time for silent reflection.

PRELUDE

ARR. WOOD

Lee Augustin, Piano and Organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign and pass Friendship Folders to your neighbors.
Annika Lister Stroope, Senior Pastor

INVITATION TO KIDS' CORNER

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** from *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks* Edward Yang, Assoc. Pastor

One: While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground,

All: the angels of the Lord came down, and glory shown around.

One: All glory be to God on high, and to the earth be peace;

All: Good will to all from highest heaven, begin and never cease!

One: Let us worship God.

* **OPENING CAROL** *Angels We Have Heard on High* (verses 1 & 2)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION & RECONCILIATION *from the UCC Christmas Offering Guide*

All: Holy God, we confess that we are a distracted people and forgetful of your love. We make selfish choices, hurt each other, and perpetuate injustice in your world. We have sinned against you and are deeply sorry. By the power of your Spirit, forgive, restore, and strengthen us to live by your light.

One: Let us offer silent prayers of confession.

DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

One: Amen. God did not send Christ into the world to condemn the world, but to redeem it.

All: By God who lives and moves among us, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

* **RESPONSIVE CAROL** *Angels We Have Heard on High* (verse 3)

TABLE FELLOWSHIP

* **RESPONSIVE CAROL** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* (verses 1 & 3)

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

READING OF SCRIPTURE The Gospel according to Luke 2: 1 - 7

One: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

* **RESPONSIVE CAROL** *The First Nowell* (verse 1)

READING OF SCRIPTURE The Gospel according to Luke 2: 8 - 14

One: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

**As you are able in body or in spirit, please rise.*

TABLE FELLOWSHIP

READING OF SCRIPTURE The Gospel according to Luke 2: 15 - 20

One: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Edward Yang, Associate Pastor

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* CAROL OF JOY

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (verses 1-2)

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY AND TABLE FELLOWSHIP

ARR. SMITH

* DOXOLOGY (tune page 592 of the hymnal)

P.M. TESTERMAN

**O Glorious God, to you we bring; Praise, Treasure, Time as Offering;
Come, Holy Spirit, with us dwell; Born is the Christ, Emmanuel. Amen.**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

All: O God, you are the giver of all gifts. As this season fills our hearts with wonder, we dedicate these gifts to you. Bless these offerings, that they may show the world your peace. Amen.

* CAROL OF JOY

Joy to the World! (verses 1-2)

* BLESSING AND SENDING

* THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: As children of God, we are no longer strangers, but friends. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Please greet one another with a sign of peace.

All are invited to rise as you are able in body or in spirit to greet those around you.

POSTLUDE

ARR. THOMPSON

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICES AT FEDERATED CHURCH



Christmas Eve Morning, Sunday, December 24

9:30 a.m. Caroling & Choir

5 p.m. Family Service

7 p.m. Candlelight Service with Communion & Choir



Christmas Day, Monday, December 25

Christmas Dinner at 1 o'clock p.m.

The fourth day of Christmas, Thursday, December 28 - Worship at 6:30 p.m.

**The seventh day of Christmas, Sunday, December 31, New Year's Eve Day
Worship Service at 9:30 a.m.**