Order of Worship

**December 29th, 2023**

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who are sad and long for comfort;*

*to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior;*

*to all who are strangers and want friendship; to all who hunger and thirst for something real and lasting; and to all who come here, this church opens wide her doors*

*and offers welcome to you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

**Prelude** (*Please silence cell phones at this time*)

**Opening Music: “God Rest Ye Merry/ We Three Kings” medley**

**“Go Tell It on the Mountain”**

**Welcome and Greeting**\*

**Call to Worship** *(Luke 2.10-14) Elder Roy Palk, Liturgist*

Minister: And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you

good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

**People: For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.**

Minister: And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.”

**People: And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!”**

**Prayer of Confession *Pastor Dustin***

**All:**

**Our God and Father,**

**when we behold Your Son Jesus,**

**we see Your great love for us,**

**for You sent Your one and only Son into the world to die for**

**sinners like us,**

**so that whoever believes in Him would have eternal life.**

**Yet, our Father, our hunger for things of little or no importance**

**fills our lives with longings that You never intended us to have.**

**Our love and devotion to our possessions and our pleasures reveal again our true need for Jesus.**

**Lord, in this Christmas season would You please give us Christ:**

**fill our hearts with desire to know Him,**

**to love Him,**

**to serve and follow Him;**

**fill our mouths with words to honor Him and proclaim Him;**

**give us His presence to guide us in wisdom,**

**to give peace to our troubled souls,**

**to guard and protect our ways;**

**grant us His grace and favor to forgive our sins, and to bring us to glory. Lord, hear our prayers.***(A time for private confession and thanksgiving)*

**Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel** *Jeanie Smith, Liturgist*

Liturgist: But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved! (*Ephesians 2.4-5*)

**Worship Through Music: #270 *“Joy to the World” (Verses 1,4)***

***#196“O Come, Let Us Adore Him) (verses 1,4)***

**Teaching Moment**

**Pastoral Prayer and 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 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.***

**Call for Offering**

**Offering Song**

**Doxology**

**Offering Prayer**

**Closing Song: Hymn 251 “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear” (verse 1)**

**Announcements**

**Benediction**