



Service Order for December 24, 2018

Welcome

Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: We greet each other in the peace of Christ.

Invocation

Opening Song "*Joy to the World / Unspeakable Joy*"

Reading: Luke 2:1-7

Children's Message

Song "*Away in a Manger*" (all three verses)

Reading: Luke 2:8-14

Children's Message

Song Hark the Harold Angels Sing

Reading: Luke 2:15-18

Song "*O Little Town of Bethlehem*" (verse 1 and 4)

Reading: Luke 2:19-21

Children's Message

Reading: Isaiah 53:4-6

Sermon

Offering

Offering Song "*Born in Bethlehem*"

Confession and Forgiveness:

P: I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations

C: For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness."

P: You have said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: 'I will establish your offspring forever, and build your throne for all generations.'"

C: Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!

P: The Messiah, the promised one, is born this day. He was named Jesus for He would save His people from their sins. Let us, therefore, confess our sins to God our Father.

(a time of silence to reflect and personally confess our sins)

C: Heavenly Father, we confess that we have sinned against You. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, our Savior, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen

P: The Lord has heard your cry for mercy. Jesus, our Savior, has come. Through His death and resurrection He brings forgiveness and grace. Therefore I announce unto you the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. In His stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

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 and ever. Amen

Words of Institution

Distribution

Song "*Silent Night*" (Candle Lighting) (All Three Verses)

Prayer / Benediction

Closing Song "*Go Tell It On The Mountain*" (Verse 1 and 2)

Announcements (*Service Ends*)