

PRELUDE

*Once In Royal David's City
What Child Is This* (Hymn 213)

◇ A time of quiet preparation Vocals, Faith Burchfield; Violin, Rachel Vos

WORDS OF GREETING

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD from Revelation 1: 4-6 (NIV)

Leader: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

People: **To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.**

CHORAL INTROIT *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel/* arr. D. Weaver
IN PRAYER

*WE PRAISE OUR GOD

HYMN OF PRAISE 219 *All Praise to Thee, Eternal Lord*

WE CELEBRATE THE COMING OF CHRIST

THE ADVENT CANDLE: The Wisemen's Candle Kristen & Jason Sauder

*WE EXALT OUR LORD

WORSHIP SONGS

Leader: Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2: 9-11 (NIV)

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN FOR CHILDREN'S CHOIR

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (4 years old to 1st grade)

WELCOME TO VISITORS

WE SEEK GOD'S FACE

Prayers of God's People

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ CHORAL OFFERTORY

Come Thou Redeemer of the Earth/ arr. M. Schweizer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Micah 5:2-5a (NIV)

² “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.”

³ Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labor gives birth, and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites.

⁴ He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth.

⁵ And he will be our peace.

Philippians 2:5-11 (NIV)

⁵ Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,

⁷ but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man,

he humbled himself
and became obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

⁹Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

SERMON

Looking for a King like Jesus
Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **203**

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

WORDS OF PEACE

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

(4 years through 5th grade)

Special Sunday school for children today:

Parents please pick up your children in the sanctuary at 12:00 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

O Blessed Emmanuel/ J. S. Bach

SERMON NOTES: