

## PRELUDE

◇ A time of quiet preparation

*O Little Town of Bethlehem/* arr. M. Hayes  
*While By My Sheep/* arr. M. Hayes  
Kathleen Golias

## WORDS OF GREETING

### WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Isaiah 25:1 (NIV)

Leader: “O Lord, you are my God;  
I will exalt you and praise your name,”

People: “For in perfect faithfulness you have done marvelous things,  
things planned long ago.”

IN PRAYER

CHORAL INTROIT *Earth was Waiting, Spent and Restless/* arr. R. Williams  
*Earth was waiting, spent and restless, with a mingled hope and fear,  
faithful men and women praying, 'Surely, Lord, the day is near:  
the Desire of all the nations —it is time he should appear!'  
Earth has groaned and laboured for him since the ages first began,  
for in him was hid the secret which through all the ages ran —  
Son of Mary, Son of David, Son of God, and Son of Man.*

### \*WE PRAISE OUR GOD

HYMN OF PRAISE 198

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!*

### WE CELEBRATE THE COMING OF CHRIST

THE ADVENT CANDLE: JOY

Phil & Hannah Weaver family

### \*WE EXALT OUR LORD

WORSHIP SONGS

Leader: After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed:  
“Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son  
may glorify you. For you granted him authority over all people  
that he might give eternal life to all those you have given  
him. Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true  
God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I have brought you  
glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do. And  
now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had  
with you before the world began.” Jn 17:1-5 (NIV)

### WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO CHILDREN’S WORSHIP (4 years old to 1<sup>st</sup> grade)

WELCOME TO VISITORS

### WE SEEK GOD’S FACE

People

Prayers of God's

### WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ CHORAL OFFERTORY

Schweizer

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates/* M.

### WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:14-18 (NIV)

<sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We  
have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the  
Father, full of grace and truth.

<sup>15</sup> John testifies concerning him. He cries out, saying, “This was he  
of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me has surpassed me because he  
was before me.’”<sup>16</sup> From the fullness of his grace we have all received  
one blessing after another.<sup>17</sup> For the law was given through Moses;  
grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.<sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God,  
but  
God the One and Only, who is at the Father’s side, has made him  
known.

1 John 1:1-3 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which  
we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands  
have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life.

<sup>2</sup> The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim  
to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to  
us.

<sup>3</sup> We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also  
may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and  
with his Son, Jesus Christ.

SERMON

*The Immanence of His Transcendence*  
**Mysteries of Advent series, Part II**  
Rev. Dwight McKay

**\*WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **203**

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

\*WORDS OF PEACE

Dismissal of Children to Music room and Sunday School hour

(4 years through 5th grade)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE