

PRELUDE

Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Zion!/ G. F. Handel
O Holy Night! A. Adam

◇ A time of quiet preparation

Jim Harris, Piano; Rachel Vos, Violin

WORDS OF GREETING

PRAYER

THE ADVENT CANDLE

CHORAL INTROIT

O Come, O Come Emmanuel/arr. D. Weaver

THE SHEPHERDS CANDLE

Jason Rutter family

***WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 214

Angels We Have Heard on High

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Leader: Christian, what do you believe?

People: **I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to
judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

***WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

Leader: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of
Peace. The LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.
from Isaiah 9: 6 & Psalm 118: 23 (NIV)

MISSION MOMENT

Joe Dentici, Penn State RUF, video

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

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 OFFERTOR

The Angel Gabriel/ arr. R. Shephard

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1: 1-14 (NIV)

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning.

³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was
made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light
of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not
understood it.

⁶ There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John.
⁷ He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through
"him all might believe. ⁸ He himself was not the light; he came only as

a witness to the light. ⁹ The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

¹⁴ 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.

Galatians 4:4-7 (NIV)

⁴ But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, ⁵ to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. ⁶ Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir.

SERMON

Marveling at the Marvelous

Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **195**

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

*WORDS OF PEACE

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO MUSIC ROOM (4 years through 5th grade)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE