

PRELUDE

◇ A time of quiet preparation

*From Heaven Above to Earth I Come/ M. Luther
It Came Upon the Midnight Clear/ arr. K. Varner***WORDS OF GREETING****WE APPROACH GOD**

CHORAL INTROIT

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

PRAYER

***WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 218

*Angels, from the Realms of Glory***WE CELEBRATE THE COMING OF CHRIST**

THE ADVENT CANDLE: LOVE

Anthony & Tonya Martin family

***WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

Leader: Listen to me, you stubborn-hearted, you who are far from righteousness. I am bringing my righteousness near, it is not far away; and my salvation will not be delayed. I will grant salvation to Zion, my splendor to Israel. Isaiah 46:12-13 (NIV)

WE GREET ONE ANOTHERDISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (4 years old to 1st grade)

WELCOME TO VISITORS

MISSION MOMENT

Church Without Walls, Anees Zaka

WE SEEK GOD'S FACE

Prayers of God's People

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ CHORAL OFFERTORY

*Of the Father's Love Begotten/ arr. D. Weaver***WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:26-38 (NIV)

²⁶ In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee,²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary.²⁸ The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be.³⁰ But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God.³¹ You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus.³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David,³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."

³⁴ "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

³⁵ The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.³⁶ Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month.³⁷ For nothing is impossible with God."

³⁸ "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her.

Luke 3:21-22 (NIV)

²¹ When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

²³ Now Jesus himself was about thirty years old when he began his ministry. He was the son, so it was thought, of Joseph,

Luke 4:1-2a (NIV)

¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert,² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil.

SERMON

*ness**The Three-ness of God's One-*

Mysteries of Advent series, Part I
Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **230**

Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor

*WORDS OF PEACE

Dismissal of Children to Music room and Sunday School hour
(4 years through 5th grade)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Come, O Wondrous Child/ G. F. Handel

SERMON NOTES: