

Order of Worship
December 26, 2021

Prelude *O Come, Little Children* – arr. Diane Bish

Greeting & Announcements

Call to Worship

Pastor: The grace of God has appeared bringing salvation to all!

People: Glory to God in the highest!

Pastor: The people who walk in darkness have seen a great light!

People: Glory to God in the highest!

Pastor: A child has been born for us and a Son given to us!

People: Glory to God in the highest!

Pastor: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace!

People: Glory to God in the highest!

Pastor: And the Word became flesh and lived among us.

All: Glory to God in the highest!! Amen!

Prayer of Adoration



*Opening Hymn *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks* #118, Vss. 1-4

Call to Confession Robert Harding

Prayer of Confession

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in the darkness. We confess that we have not always welcomed the light or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little and hoping for less.

Forgive our doubt and renew our hope so that we may receive the fullness of your grace and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Special Music *Masterpiece* – Craig Patty, Brent Henderson
Erin Skarphol, Solo

Baptism

Anthem *Sweet Little Jesus Boy* – Robert MacGimsey
Jan Peterson, Solo (Video)

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, by the gift of your Holy Spirit show us the Word made flesh – good news of great joy for all – so that we may sing with the angels!

Glory in the highest and peace on earth! Through Jesus Christ we pray; Amen.

Scripture

Luke 2:25-32



Sermon

Christmas Carol Stories
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
O Little town of Bethlehem
Angels from the Realms of Glory

Rev. Ann Conklin
#119
#121
#143

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Offering



*Doxology

O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

*Prayer of Dedication



*Closing Hymn

Last Month of the Year

– Vera Hall

*Benediction

Postlude

Angels We Have Heard on High

– arr. Henry Kihlken

*Please rise in body or spirit.

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