

Prelude – Passacaglia in G minor (Handel)
In The Bleak Mid-Winter (Holst)

Welcome & Announcements
Entry of the Bible
Introit – Nativity Carol (Rutter)

Call to Worship: See insert for Candle of Joy liturgy

Hymn: # 139 – Hark! The herald angels sing

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession:

All knowing God,

We confess we don't realize our lack of joy is only between us and you.

We blame others because they do not make us happy.

We blame the world for its injustices and excuse our own.

We blame ourselves and carry shame, forgetting that you made us for joy and life.

Forgive us, O God, for looking for satisfaction in the wrong places.

Help us turn in again to you, our true source of joy,

and guide us to discover what is honourable, just, and pleasing in your sight. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

“Passing of the Peace” ~ a time for us to welcome each other

Children's Hymn: # 168 See amid the winter's snow
Children's Time and Prayer

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 11:16-12:5	pp.1036
Psalm 95 (responsive)	pp.894
Philippians 4:4-7	pp.1751
Luke 3:7-18	pp.1527

Anthem – Goin' To Bethlehem (Althouse)

Sermon: "Visiting John's church for a Baptism"

Hymn: # 147 – Angels we have heard on high

Collection of Offering

Doxology Hymn # 79

Offering Prayer of Dedication

Announcements

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Hymn: # 153 Joy to the world

Follow That Star (Lewis)

Benediction

Postlude ~ Sarabande in D minor (Handel)