

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Entry of the Bible (*please stand if you are able*)

Call to Worship:

O people of God, what is your story?

**God is good, all the time!**

O people of God, what is the state of the world?

**It is good, for God has made it and dwells in it!**

O people of God, why are you here?

**To learn what is real in life, and how to live fully.**

**Let us worship God!**

**Hymn # 148 – It came upon a midnight clear**

Prayer of Approach

Unison Prayer of Confession:

**We confess that we follow other paths**

**We proclaim bad news instead of Gospel**

**We learn to despise the small**

**and we worship worldly success**

**May we face the new year filled with new life,**

**Save us from our own foolishness,**

**and fill us with your spirit, O Lord.**

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 # 122 – Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel**

Children’s Time and Prayer

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Numbers 22:21-34	<i>pp. 233</i>
Psalms 133 <i>responsive</i>	<i>pp. 930</i>
Genesis 1:1-8	<i>pp. 1</i>
Matthew 21:1-8	<i>pp. 1469</i>

Sermon: “Preparing for a walk through the Bible: What is Truth?”

**Hymn # 146 – Angels from the realms of glory**

Collection of Offering

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost** (Hymn #79)

Offering Prayer of Dedication

Announcements

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

**Hymn # 808 – Come in, come in, New Year**

Benediction and Postlude