

Order of Worship
December 24, 2017 – 11:00 a.m.
Lessons and Carols

Welcome & Announcements

Introit: "Spirit of the Living God" # 322

PRAISE AND ADORATION

Lighting of the Candle of Love: (responsively)

Leader: Let us wait for the Lord's coming as we finish this Advent season.

People: In what way are we to wait?

Leader: Hear the words of the prophet Isaiah 5:11, 12 & 10 –
"O afflicted one, storm-tossed, and not comforted, I am about to set your stones in antimony, and lay your foundations with sapphires. I will make your pinnacles of rubies, your gates of jewels, and all your wall of precious stones. For even though the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed, says the Lord, who has **compassion on you.**"

All: Believing this affirmation, we wait with love, knowing that what we experience in this world is not how we will always live, as God's people.

*Hymn: "Once in Royal David's City" # 49

Greeting One Another

*Response "Gloria Patri" # 579

HEARING THE WORD

Let the Children Come

The Old Testament Prophecies of the Promised Christ

1. The Seed of Eve – Genesis 3:8-15
Hymn: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" # 2

2. Promise to Abraham – Genesis 22:15-18
Hymn: "The God of Abraham Praise" # 488

3. Born of a Virgin – Isaiah 7:10-14
Hymn: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" # 9

4. Of David's Lineage – Isaiah 9:2-7
Hymn: "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" # 48

5. Born in Bethlehem – Micah 5:2-4
Hymn: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" # 44

The New Testament Fulfillment of the Promised Christ

6. The Angel's Visit – Luke 1:26-38
Hymn: "Angels We Have Heard on High" # 23

7. Unto Us a Child Is Born – Luke 2:1-7
Hymn: "Away in a Manger" # 24

8. The Shepherds' Visit – Luke 2:8-16
Hymn: "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"
(verses 1-3 & 6) # 59

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

9. God Became Flesh – John 1:1-5 & 10-14
Affirmation of Faith: "Of the Father's Love Begotten" # 309

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Offertory and Presentation of Gifts to God

Doxology # 592

Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn: "Go Tell It on the Mountain" # 29

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response: "**God be with you til we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you; with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you til we meet again.**"