



Call to Worship

Time of Silence

Prelude

Liturgical Response

Leader: For God alone my soul waits in silence.

Response: from Him comes my salvation! Psalm 62:1

Lighting the Advent Candle of Peace “One Light”

*One light shining for me
Lighting the darkness
Helping me see.*

*One light leading the way
Out of the shadows
into the day*

*All we need is one light
All we need is one light
All we need is one light, just one light.*

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Presenting the Word

Leader: Your Word, O Lord, is eternal;

Response: It stands firm in the heavens forever! Psalm
119:89

✠ Song

“He Came Down”

*He came down that we may have love;
He came down that we may have love;
He came down that we may have love;
Hallelujah, forevermore!*

*He came down that we may have light;
He came down that we may have light;
He came down that we may have light;
Hallelujah, forevermore!*

*He came down that we may have peace;
He came down that we may have peace;
He came down that we may have peace;
Hallelujah, forevermore!*

*He came down that we may have joy;
He came down that we may have joy;
He came down that we may have joy;
Hallelujah, forevermore!*

✠ Song #4 (LYH)

“Come and Fill”

*Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
Alleluia!*

Lead Leader: This is our hope,

Response: To know Christ and make Him known.

Greeting:

*You are somebody,
somebody on the Lord’s side.
You are somebody,
somebody on the Lord’s side.*

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

- Welcome to visitors.

- **Christmas Mitten Tree:** Make a Christmas donation to decorate our Mitten Tree; bring your donations of mittens, hats and scarves every Sunday through the month of December. These items will be donated to the Upper Darby Food Cupboard.
- **Blue Christmas:** Saturday, December 16 @ 4:00 p.m.
- **Christ's Community Church Zoom Worship for Inclement Weather:** See the bulletin for detailed information.
- **Prayer Requests**
- **Prayer Intention:**
 - Wars: Gaza, Ukraine, the Congo, Yemen; world conflicts that end with people suffering.

Affirmation of Faith:

Leader: God is Good!

Response: All the time!

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Response: God is good to me!

✠ Song

Come, Emmanuel"

Vs 1 - O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Vs 5 – O come, O come thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.

Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Vs 7 – O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.

"O Come, O

Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Confession of Sin

Invitation to Silent Confession: Assurance of Pardon: God does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far He removes our transgressions from us.

Response: Create in me a pure heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Amen!

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Leader: Believe the good news; we are God's healed and forgiven people!

Response to Pardon: "Doxology"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Christ, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

- **Prayer Intention:**
 - Wars: Gaza, Ukraine, Congo, Yemen; world conflicts that end with people suffering.
- **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be Your name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial**

**and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours
now and forever. Amen.**

**Consecration of Gifts:
The Bread and the Cup
Offering**

Worship Asst: For God so loved the world he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life!

Now, as Christ humbled himself and gave Himself on the cross on our behalf, let us consecrate our tithes and offerings to Him! Even more than this: Let us “present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is our spiritual worship!

**✠ Song
“I Love You, Lord”**

I love you Lord, and I lift my voice
To worship you, O my soul, rejoice.
Take joy my King, in what you hear,
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

Prayer of Dedication

Story Time **“The Construction Crew”** **Mark 1:1-8; Luke 3:4-6**

**✠ Song #143 (LYH)
“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”**

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
His name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us.
His name is called Emmanuel.
(repeat)

Scripture Lesson

Mark 1:1-8

Hear the Word of the Lord!

1The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

2 As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way;
3 the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord,
 make his paths straight” ’,
4 John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.
5 And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.
6 Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.
7 He proclaimed, ‘The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals.
8 I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.’

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

**Sermon
“Spirit”**

“He Will Baptize You with the Holy Spirit”

**✠ Song
“Christ, Be Our Light”**

Vs 1 - Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
Light for the world to see.

Ref. Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts,
Shine through the darkness.
Christ be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Vs 2 – Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Ref. Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts,

*Shine through the darkness.
Christ be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.*

*Vs 5 – Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come.*

*Ref. Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts,
Shine through the darkness.
Christ be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.*

The Lord's Supper

Leader: *The Lord be with you.*

Congregation: *And also with you.*

Leader: *Let us confess our faith.*

Leader: *Do you believe in one God, the Father almighty?*

Congregation: *I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

Leader: *Do you believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son?*

Congregation: *I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.*

Leader: *Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?*

Congregation: *I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Leader: *Now, all who have confessed faith in Jesus Christ are invited to share in this bread and the cup when they are served and participate in the mystery of faith.*

Congregation: *Thanks be to God!*

Leader: *Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:*

Congregation: *Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!*

Elements Are Served

Leader: *Thanks be to God for the victory that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord!*

Response: *O give thanks to the Lord for He is good; God's steadfast love endures forever!*

Benediction

✠ Song

"Go Now in Peace"

*Go now in peace,
Go now in peace,
May the love of God surround you
Everywhere, everywhere, you may go.
(repeat)*

Postlude