



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 Joy
“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.*

*One light breaking the dawn,
Born of a promise
Leading us on.*

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

One light leading the way out of the shadows into the day

*All we need is 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 #142 (LYH)
“Soon and Very Soon”

*Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We’re going to see the King.*

*No more crying there, we are going to see the King.
No more crying there, we are going to see the King.
No more crying there, we are going to see the King.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We’re going to see the King.*

*No more dying there, we are going to see the King.
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No more dying there, we are going to see the King.
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† Song #304 (BH)
“Jesus Loves Me!”

*Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong; We are weak, but God is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.*

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.*
- **Services in the Worship Center:** *Christmas Eve, 9:30am and 4:00pm and Sunday, December 31.*
- **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.*
- **2024 Envelopes:** *you can pick up your giving envelopes for 2024; they are on the windowsill outside of the Chapel. REMEMBER, do not begin to use these envelopes until January 2024.*
- **Per Capita and Initial Offering for 2024:**
 - *Per Capita: \$32.00*
 - *Initial Offering: \$9.00*
- **Happy Birthday to everyone born in the month of December:**
 - *Paula Dryden, Bea Feddy, Ethel Myers, Eric Myers, Carol Pauls and Alice Springer.*
- **Let us remember our Shut-Ins on their birthdays.** *You can send birthday wishes to Carol Pauls, celebrating her birthday on December 28. See the bulletin for her mailing addresses.*
- **Prayer Requests:**
 - *Seyram, Bea Feddy's niece, her cancer is back after three years.*
 - *Shayna, Bea Feddy's co-worker's daughter, on life support for complications from lupus.*
- **Prayer Intention:**
 - *Peacemaking*

Affirmation of Faith:

Leader: *God is Good!*

Response: *All the time!*

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Response: *God is good to me!*

✠ Song #2 (BH) Long-Expected Jesus”

“Come, Thou

*Come thou long expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free,
From our fears and sins release us:
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.*

*Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King.
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.*

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:**
 - **Peacemaking**
- **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 #118 (LYH)
"We Are an Offering"**

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,

We lift our lives up to you, we are an offering.

Lord, use our voices, Lord use our hands,

Lord use our lives, they are yours,

We are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be

We give to you, we give to you.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,

We lift our lives up to you, we are an offering, we are an offering.

Prayer of Dedication

Story Time

"Joseph's Dream"

Matthew 1:18-23

✠ Song

"This

Little Light of Mine"

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel, No! I'm gonna let it shine

Hide it under a bushel, No! I'm gonna let it shine

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Don't let Satan blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine

Don't let Satan blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine

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Scripture Lesson

Matthew 6:5-14

Hear the Word of the Lord!

5 'And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward.

6 But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

7 'When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words.

⁸Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

⁹ 'Pray then in this way: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

¹⁰ Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread.

¹² And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³ And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one.

¹⁴For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you;

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Sermon
Forgiveness"

"God's Word on

✠ Song
"Come! Live in the Light!"

Vs 1 – Come! Live in the light!

Shine with joy and the love of the Lord!

We are called to be light for the kingdom,

To live in the freedom of the city of God.

Ref: We are called to act with justice:

We are called to love tenderly;

We are called to serve one another,

To walk humbly with God.

Vs 3– Sing! Sing a new song!

Sing of that great day when all will be one!

God will reign, and we'll walk with each other

as sisters and brothers united in love.

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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

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Postlude