



Call to Worship

Time of Silence

Prelude

Liturgical Response

Pastor: For God alone my soul waits in silence.

Congregation Response: from Him comes my salvation.
Psalm 62:1

Lighting the Advent Candle of Hope

✠ Song #2 (BH)

Long-Expected Jesus”

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.

Presenting the Word

Worship Leader: Your Word, O Lord, is eternal;

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

✠ Song #50 (LYH)

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

Vs 1 - Lord the light of your love is shining
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us;
Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine Jesus Shine, fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze Spirit Blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your Word, Lord and let there be light!

Vs 2 - Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
From the shadows into your radiance;
By the blood I may enter your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness:
Shine on me, shine on me.

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✠ Song #627 (PH)

“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.

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.*
- **Thanksgiving Food Drive and Mitten Tree:** *Continues through December, the fir tree will be in the Narthex to receive food items as well as mittens, gloves, scarves, and socks for warmth. Upper Darby Food Cupboard is the beneficiary of the donations. Food items can be placed under the tree and outerwear draped on the tree. All donations will be appreciated.*
- **Blue Christmas:** *Saturday, December 21 @ 4:00 p.m. The service is for anyone struggling with Christmas*
- **Christmas Poinsettias:** *see the bulletin insert to place orders.*
- **Christmas Eve service** *is at 4 p.m. Loretta will be playing the piano for us. We welcome Loretta this morning*
- *Another reminder the Ladie's Retreat has been rescheduled to Friday, January 31 to the afternoon of Saturday, February 1. Dee Dee Risher is the retreat facilitator. The cost is \$110.00. Scholarships are available.*
 - *There is no Women's Bible Study in December*
- *Tracy: year-end pledges. Introduce and explain the puzzle pieces*
- *Following worship, the congregation is invited to go over to Bud and Paula's home to extend well-wishes as they move to their new home. If you would like to car-pool, please see me after the service*
- **Eloise:** *Christmas pageant will be Sunday, December 22 in Fellowship Hall.*

Rehearsal – December 1 and December 15

• **Prayer Requests:**

- *Lisa Jeffries, health concerns.*

Affirmation of Faith:

Pastor: *God is good!*

Response: *All the time!*

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Response: *God is good to me!*

✠ **Song #301 (PH)**

“Let Us Build a House“

*Vs 1 – Let us build a house where love can dwell
And all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell
How hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hope and dreams and visions,*

*Rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.*

*Vs 4 – Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
And live the Word they've known.*

*Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
Let us bring an end to fear and danger:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.*

*Vs 5 – Let us build a house where all are named,
Their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.*

*Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:*

*All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.*

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.

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

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

Response to Pardon #593 (BH) "Doxology"

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above thee heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.*

*Amen, A-men,
Amen, A-men,
Amen, A-men, Amen.*

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

- **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 Assistant: *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 then this: Let us "present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is our spiritual worship!

✠ Song #136 (LYH) "Freely, Freely"

*Ref: He said freely, freely, you have received
Freely, freely give.*

*Go in my name and because you believe.
Others will know that I live.*

*Vs 1- God forgave my sin in Jesus' name.
I've been born again in Jesus' name.
And in Jesus' name, I come to you to share his love
As he told me to.*

*Ref: He said freely, freely, you have received
Freely, freely give.*

*Go in my name and because you believe.
Others will know that I live.*

*Vs 2 – All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name,
In earth and heav'n in Jesus' name,
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share his pow'r as he told me to.*

*Ref: He said freely, freely, you have received
Freely, freely give.*

*Go in my name and because you believe.
Others will know that I live.*

Prayer of Dedication

Story Time
Corinthians 12:12-27

“All Together, Now!”

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Sermon
Near!”

“The Lord is

✠ Song #300 (PH)
Are One in the Spirit”

*Vs 1 – We are one in the Spirit;
We are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit;
We are one in the Lord;
And we pray that all unity
May one day be restored:*

*And they’ll know we are Christians
By our love, by our love;
Yes, they’ll know we are Christians
By our love.*

*Vs 2 – We will walk with each other;
We will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other;
We will walk hand in hand;
And together we’ll spread the news
That God is in our land:*

*And they’ll know we are Christians
By our love, by our love;
Yes, they’ll know we are Christians
By our love.*

Scripture Lesson

Philippians 4:4-7

Hear the Word of the Lord!

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

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✠ Song #339 (BH)
“Be Thou My Vision”

*V1 - Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

*V2 - Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.*

*V3 - Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.*

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!*

Covenant Cards

Postlude