



**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 Joy**

**✠ 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.*

**Presenting the Word**

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

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

**✠ Song #140 (LYH)**  
**“Love Made Visible”**

**“God’s**

*God's love made visible! Incomprehensible!  
He is invincible! His love shall reign!  
From love so bountiful, blessings uncountable,  
Make death surmountable! His love shall reign!*

*Joyfully pray for peace and good will.  
All of our yearning he will fulfill.*

*Live in a loving way.*

*Praise him for ev'ry day.*

*Open your hearts and pray. His love shall reign!*

*God gave his Son to us to dwell as one of us.*

*His blessing unto us! His love shall reign!*

*To Him all honor bring. Heaven and earth will sing,  
Praising our Lord and King! His love shall reign!*

**✠ Song #39 (LYH)**  
**“Jesus, Name above All Names”**

**“Jesus, Name**

*Jesus, name above all names,  
Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord,  
Emmanuel, God is with us.  
Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.  
(repeat)*

**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.
- Happy Birthday to everyone born in the month of December:
  - Paula Dryden, Bea Feddy, Eric Myers, Ethel Myers, Carol Pauls and **baby Johnson**.
- **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.
- **Thanksgiving Food Drive and Mitten Tree:** Blessing of hats, mittens and food on the tree for our Upper Darby neighbors.
- **Puzzle pieces used on Consecration Sunday are available for those who were not present.**
- **Blue Christmas:** Saturday, December 21 @ 4:00 p.m. The service is for anyone struggling with Christmas
- **Christmas Eve service** is at 4 p.m. Loretta will be playing the piano for us. We welcome Loretta this morning
- **Eloise:** Christmas pageant will be Sunday, December 22 in Fellowship Hall. Invite your family and friends. Rehearsal –December 15.
- **Per Capita and Initial Offering for 2025:**
  - Per Capita: \$37.00
  - Initial Offering: \$9.00
- **Prayer Requests:**
  - Lisa Jeffries, health concerns.
  - Don West ministry as Santa Claus for Christmas.

### Affirmation of Faith:

**Pastor:** God is good!

**Response:** All the time!

**Pastor:** All the time!

**Response:** God is good to me!

### ✠ Song #13 (BH)

“Prepare the Way“

Vs 1 – Prepare the way, O Zion,

Your Christ is drawing near!

Let every hill and valley

A level way appear.

Greet One who comes in glory,

Foretold in sacred story.

O blest is Christ that came

In God’s most holy name.

Vs 2 – Christ brings God’s rule, O Zion,

He comes from heaven above.

His rule is peace and freedom,

And justice, truth, and love.

Lift high your praise resounding,

For grace and joy abounding.

O blest is Christ that came

In God’s most holy name.

Vs 3 – Fling wide your gates, O Zion.

Your Savior’s rule embrace.

And tidings of salvation

Proclaim in every place.

All lands will bow rejoicing,

Their adoration voicing.

O blest is Christ that came

In God’s most holy name.

### 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 than this: Let us “present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is our spiritual worship!*

**✠ Song #62 (BH)**  
**Frankincense of Our Love”**

**“Bring We the**

*Refrain: Holy the Infant and holy the mother  
And holy and precious the gifts that we bring;  
Praise to the Father,  
And praise to the Spirit,  
And praise to Christ Jesus our King.*

*Vs 1 – Bring we the frankincense of our love  
To the feet of the holy child.  
Ever remembering God's great gift  
Of a love that is undefiled.*

*Refrain: Holy the Infant and holy the mother  
And holy and precious the gifts that we bring;  
Praise to the Father,  
And praise to the Spirit,  
And praise to Christ Jesus our King.*

*Vs 3 – Ever secure in His changelessness,  
Though the kingdoms of earth may fall.  
Bring we the gold of our faithfulness  
To the King who is Lord of all.*

*Refrain: Holy the Infant and holy the mother  
And holy and precious the gifts that we bring;  
Praise to the Father,  
And praise to the Spirit,  
And praise to Christ Jesus our King.*

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Story Time**

**“Carry that Vision, Mary!”**

**Luke 1:26-38, 46-55**

**✠ Song**  
**Little Light of Mine“**

**“This**

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

**Scripture Lesson**

**Luke 1:45-56**

**Hear the Word of the Lord!**

*<sup>45</sup>And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'*  
*46 And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord,*  
*<sup>47</sup> and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,*  
*<sup>48</sup> for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.*  
*Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;*  
*<sup>49</sup> for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.*  
*<sup>50</sup> His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.*  
*<sup>51</sup> He has shown strength with his arm;*  
*he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.*  
*<sup>52</sup> He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,*  
*and lifted up the lowly;*  
*<sup>53</sup> he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.*  
*<sup>54</sup> He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,*  
*<sup>55</sup> according to the promise he made to our ancestors,*  
*to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'*  
*56 And Mary remained with her for about three months and then returned to her home.*

**Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!**

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon  
Things"**

**"The Joy of Being Filled with Good**

**✠ Song #92 (PH)**

**"While We**

**Are Waiting, Come"**

*Vs 1 – While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come.  
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come."*

*Vs 2- With power and glory, come; with power and glory, come.  
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.*

*Vs 3 – Come, Savior, quickly come; come, Savior, quickly, come.*

*Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.*

**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!

**Charge and Benediction**

✠ **Song #28 (LYH)**

**"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"**

*Halle, halle, halle lu jah!*

*Halle, halle, halle lu jah!*

*Halle, halle, halle lu jah!*

*Hallelujah!, Hallelujah!*

*(repeat)*

**Postlude**