Doxology
Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

We Depart to Serve the Lord

*Hymn

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" 
Hymn No. 88  
Please sing stanzas 1 through 4

*Benediction

Choral Response

"Prepare the Way of the Lord"  
Jacques Berthier

Organ Postlude

"Toccata"  
John Behnke

The Postlude signifies the conclusion of worship. 
Please remain seated.

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Rev. Dr. Tom Glenn, Parish Associate  
Rev. Dr. Karen Blanchard, Associate Pastor

Music Ministry:  
Chancel Choir; Bill Stein, Director of Music Ministries; Travis Evans, Music Associate

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Prelude signifies the beginning of worship.
Let us join together in a time of quiet preparation as the music begins.

We Gather to Worship God

Organ Prelude
“Veni Emmanuel”  Leo Sowerby

Lighting the Advent Candle of Joy
Larry and Brenda Steelman

Choral Introit
“Come, Emmanuel, Come”  Cindy Berry

Joy will blaze as You come to earth, sorrow will turn to gladness.
There will be great rejoicing as we worship our King.
What a glorious day! O come, Emmanuel, come. Drive the dark away.
As we walk by faith, waiting for your light, come, Emmanuel, come.

We Address Ourselves to God

*Call to Worship
Leader: Our hearts are steadfast, O God, our hearts our steadfast;
People: We will sing and make melody. Awake, my soul!
Leader: We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples,
People: and we will sing praises to you among the nations.
Leader: For your steadfast love is higher than the heavens,
People: and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.
Leader: Let us worship God.

*Hymn
“Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers”  Hymn No. 362

*Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession
Gracious and Eternal God, we come now into your presence in this season of waiting. We do so aware of the many ways we fall short of your glory. Give us humble hearts and clear vision that we might see how we have compromised your justice and righteousness, where we have turned our face from the suffering and plight of the least among us. Give to us the courage to make straight in the deserts of the world a highway for your compassion, justice and love. We pray all of this in the name of the Christ. Amen.

*Silent Confessions

*Assurance of Pardon

*Response to Confession
“While We Are Waiting, Come”  Hymn No. 92

The Passing of the Peace
Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

Please Sign and Pass the Friendship Registers
See the bulletin insert regarding information on the life and work of our congregation.

Time with Children

We Hear God’s Word

First Reading
Isaiah 12:2-5  Pew Bible, O.T., pg. 641

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Canticle of Isaiah
“Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me”  Hymn No. 71

Please remain seated and join in singing.

Second Reading
Luke 3:7-18  Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 60

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon
“Spirit, Fire and Salvation”  Rev. Dr. Tom Glenn

We Respond to God’s Word

*Hymn
“Wild and Lone the Prophet’s Voice”  Hymn No. 163

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offertory Sentences

Offering of the People

Offertory Anthem
“Behold! A Star From Jacob Shining”  Felix Mendelssohn

Behold a star from Jacob shining, and a scepter from Israel rising,
to reign in glory over the nations.
Like some bright morning star is He, the promise of the coming day,
beyond the night of sorrow. Break forth, O Light!
We, our joyful hearts uplifting with thanksgiving,
hail the brightness of Thy rising.