We Depart to Serve the Lord

*Hymn
“People, Look East”
Hymn No. 105

*Benediction

Organ Postlude
“People, Look East”
Dale Wood

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

Worship Leaders:
Rev. Dr. David Holyan, Pastor
Rev. Dr. Karen Blanchard, Associate Pastor

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

Live Streaming Host:
Gary Hepp

Ushers:
Scott Fargo, Susan Fechter, Anita Kerwin, Annie Littlepage,
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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

Bell Prelude

"Gaudete" Carl Wiltse

Lighting the Advent Candle of Love

The Butler Family

We Address Ourselves to God

*Call to Worship

Leader: Gather together in heart and voice; worship the Lord of hosts.

People: We are waiting!

Leader: Bring forth your greatest joy! Birth forth hope and peace!

People: We are waiting!

Leader: Bring forth your assurance and embrace! Birth forth love of all humankind!

People: We are waiting!

Leader: Let us turn our waiting into worship! Let us worship our God!

*Hymn

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Hymn No. 88

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

God of promise and joy, we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus into our world. We open ourselves again to the promises you offer to us and all people. Help us be filled with joy and peace in the spirit of this season. Forgive us for all the hurry. Forgive us for all the busyness. Forgive us our sin. Let us be grounded in the peace of this season. Help us be filled with the joy of Jesus' birth. In Christ's name we pray. 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.

Minute for Mission: Christmas Joy Offering

John Huxhold

Time with the Children

We Hear God’s Word

First Reading Romans 1:1-7 Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 152

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Bell Anthem "Carol of the Bells" Arnold Sherman

Second Reading Matthew 1:18-25 Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 1

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "The Faithfulness of Joseph" Rev. Dr. David Holyan

We Respond to God’s Word

*Hymn

"Now the Heavens Start to Whisper" Hymn No. 94

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

"What Child Is This" John Behnke

*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