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
“Bring A Torch, Jeanette, Isabella”
Paul Laubengayer
Pastorale on “Gesu Bambino”
Pietro Yon

We Address Ourselves to God

*Call to Worship
Leader: The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to his children's children, and remember to do his commandments.
People: To those who keep his covenant and his kingdom rules over all.
Leader: The Lord has established his throne in the heavens, and his ministers that do his will.
People: Bless the Lord, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, obedient to God’s spoken word. Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers that do his will.
Leader: Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.

*Carol
“Angels We Have Heard on High”
Hymn No. 113

*Call to Confession

Graceful and Loving God, we confess our sins to you. As we gather to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, we are too often distracted by the busyness of the season. We forget the depth of the true message you long for us to birth forth into the world. Remind us of your nearness, your love, and your care. Keep our hearts open to the needs of our neighbors all around us whether next door, across the street, or around the world. Give us the courage to be the hope, love, peace, and joy you wish to offer to all people through your son, Jesus Christ, who is our Lord. Amen.
Lessons and Carols
(please remain seated during the Carols)

Lesson I
Isaiah 11:1-9  
Pew Bibles, p. 640, O.T.  
Alyssa Mitchell

Carol
“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”  
(Hymn No. 123)

Lesson II
Matthew 1:18-25  
Pew Bibles, p. 1, N.T.  
Daniel Martin

Carol
“The Snow Lay on the Ground”  
(Hymn No. 116)

Lesson III
Pew Bibles, p. 56, N.T.  
Megan and Evan Cleveland

Carol
“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”  
(Hymn No. 128)

Lesson IV
Luke: 2:1-14  
Pew Bibles, p. 58, N.T.  
Hazel Shipley

Carol
“What Child Is This”  
(Hymn No. 145)

Lesson V
Luke: 2:15-20  
Pew Bibles, p. 58, N.T.  
Brian Mackenzie

Carol
“While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks”  
(Hymn No. 117)

We Respond to God’s Word

Morning Prayers
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.