**Christmas Eve** 

We receive the **Call to Worship** in accordance with

Hebrews 12:28

Let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe.

# Order of Worship Theme: The Christ of God

#### **Prelude**

The prelude is a time to prepare for the worship of our holy God. Pray that God would meet His people as we gather. (Please silence all phones and electronic devices.)

## **Christ Candle Lighting**

Jai and Esther Mahtani

#### Call to Worship \*

The service begins with a scriptural "call to worship." It is God Himself who calls His people to worship. We do not call ourselves, but it is the King who opens His gates and beckons us into His courts. Worship is a reflexive and deliberate response to His gracious call.

#### Isaiah 25:8-9

He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of His people He will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, that He might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for Him; Let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation."

#### Prayer of Adoration and Invocation \*

This prayer exalts the Name of the Lord and invokes His presence and communion as we come to worship Him.

We offer the **Prayer** of **Invocation** in accordance

accordance with

> Psalm 22:3 KJV

But Thou art holy, O thou that inhabits the praises of Israel.

Hymn #196: Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

### Confession of Faith WSC 01 & 0 38

We offer our Confession of Faith in accordance

with

Hebrews 10:23

fast the confession of our hope

Let us hold

without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

We offer the Praver of Confession in accordance

I John 1:9

with

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness

We receive the **Scripture** Reading in accordance with

1 Timothy 4:13

Devote yourself to the public reading of the scripture

**O1: Leader:** What is the chief end of man?

All: Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy

Him forever.

038: Leader: What benefits do believers receive

from Christ at the resurrection?

All: At the resurrection, believers, being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the Day of Judgement, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.

Congregational Prayer (Confession)

Hymn #193: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Scripture Reading\* Luke 2:1-20 (p. 857)

Hymn #213: What Child is This? (V. 1-3)

\*Please stand if able.

We offer the Prayer for Illumination in accordance with Psalm 119:130

The unfolding of Your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.

We submit to the Preaching of God's Word in accordance with Romans

So, faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

10:17.

# Prayer for Illumination Preaching of God's Word

"Sun of Righteousness" Malachi 4:2 Rev. Jai Mahtani

#### **Congregation Candle Lighting**

We Receive the **Benediction** in accordance with Leviticus 9:22,23

Then Aaron lifted up his hands toward the people of and blessed. Hymn #227: On Christmas Night All Christians Sing

#### Benediction

2 Peter 3:18

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

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