

Order of Worship

Theme: Christ

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

Hebrews
12:28

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

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

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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 60:1-3

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

Psalm
22:3 KJV

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

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

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.

Hymn #208: O Come All Ye Faithful

**Please stand if able.*

Scripture Reading*
Luke 2:1-7 (p. 857)

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

1 Timothy
4:13

*Devote
yourself to the
public reading
of the
scripture.*

We offer our
Confession of
Faith
in accordance
with

Hebrews
10:23

*Let us hold
fast the
confession of
our hope
without
wavering, for
He who
promised is
faithful.*

We offer the
Prayer of
Confession in
accordance
with

1 John 1:9

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

Confession of Faith
WSC #26

Leader: How does Christ execute the office of a King?
ALL: Christ executes the office of a king, in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Isaiah 53:6

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned – everyone – to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Hymn #214: Angels We have Heard on High

Scripture Reading*
Luke 2:8-20 (p. 857)

Hymn #203: Hark the Herald Angel Sings

**Please stand if able.*

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of God's Word

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

“The Child’s Government” Isaiah 9:6-7

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*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
10:17.

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

Congregation Candle Lighting

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

Hymn #195: Joy to the World

Benediction

Isaiah 33: 17,22

Your eyes will behold the king in his beauty; they will see a land stretches afar. For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver; the Lord is our king; he will save us.

*Then Aaron
lifted up his
hands toward
the people of
and blessed.*

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