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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: Christmas Eve

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.)

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.

Hebrews 1:5-8

For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son"? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his ministers a flame of fire." But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of Your kingdom."

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.

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 #218: Angels from the Realms of Glory

Confession of Faith WSC Q1 & Q27-Q28

We offer our Confession of Faith in accordance with

Q1: Leader: What is the chief end of man?

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

Him forever.

Hebrews 10:23

Q27: Leader: Wherein did Christ's humiliation

consist?

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

All: Christ's humiliation consisted in His being born, and that in a low condition, made under the law, undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God, and the cursed death of the cross; in being buried, and continuing under the power of death for a time.

Q28: Leader: Wherein consisteth Christ's exaltation?

We offer the Prayer of Confession in accordance with

All: Christ's exaltation consisteth in His rising again from the dead on the third day, in ascending up into heaven, in sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and in coming to judge

the world at the last day.

I 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

Congregational Prayer (Confession)

OT Scripture Reading* Psalm46 (p. 471)

Special Music - God with Us

NT Scripture Reading* Luke 2:1-21 (p. 857)

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

1 Timothy 4:13

Devote yourself to the public reading of the scripture

Song: O Holy Night(insert)

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 10:17.

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

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

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

Prayer for Illumination Preaching of God's Word

"Pondering Christmas" Luke 2:19 Rev. Jai Mahtani

- 1) Pondering what?
- 2) Pondering How?
- 3) Pondering Why?

Christ Candle Lighting

Bob Walker

Congregation Candle Lighting

Hymn #210: Silent Night

Benediction

Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always to the end of the age."

Hymn #195: Joy to the World

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