

**Sunday, December 31, 2017 10:30 a.m.**

Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candle and Opening the Bible

Welcome and Announcements

### **COMING TO GOD**

The Call to Worship

\*Hymn: 153 Joy to the world

Prayer of Adoration, Confession, and Assurance of Pardon

Anthem: The Virgin Mary had a Baby Boy

arr. Carl Strommen

The Virgin Mary had a baby boy. The Virgin Mary had a baby boy. The Virgin Mary had a baby boy, And they said that his name is Jesus. Chorus: *He come from the glory, He come from the glorious kingdom, He come from the glory, He come from the glorious kingdom, Oh yes, believer! Oh yes, believer! He come from the glory, He come from the glorious kingdom.* The angels sang when the baby was born, The angels sang when the baby was born, The angels sang when the baby was born, And proclaimed Him the Saviour, Jesus. Chorus: The wise men saw where the baby was born. The wise men saw where the baby was born. The wise men saw where the baby was born, And they said that His name was Jesus. Chorus

Time with the Children

\*Hymn: 134 Lord, you were rich

[Children leave for the Kid Zone Club]

### **LISTENING TO GOD**

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament: Isaiah 61:10 - 62:3 (O.T. page 768)

New Testament: Luke 2: 22-40 (N.T. page 60)

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

\*Hymn: 161 What child is this

Sermon: **SEEING JESUS FOR THE FIRST TIME**

### **RESPONDING TO GOD**

The Offering

The Offertory Anthem: Nunc Dimittis (Come, Lord Jesus)

arr. Eric Gilbert

Lord, now let me depart in peace, For I have seen Your salvation, A light in the darkness for weary ones, Your glory among all the nations, Come, Lord Jesus, come Emmanuel, God with us light of the world given all for love glory to God in the highest. For us and for our salvation promise of old from on high wrapped in the garb of humanity the Word who would suffer and die. Silently now You descend to us bidding our sorrows to cease, Beautiful Savior now flesh and blood bringing us life and peace come, Lord Jesus, come Emmanuel born to us. Mystery revealing the Father's love, Glory to God in the highest

\*The Doxology and Presentation of Gifts

*What can I give Him, poor as I am?  
If I were a Shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part; yet  
What I can I give him-give my heart.*

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn: 678 I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art

\*The Benediction and Choral Amen

Postlude

\*You are invited to stand as you are able

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### **TODAY**

Greeter:

Diana James

Ushering Captain:

Bob Elson

Coffee Hour Hosts:

Fred and Adele Norton,  
Murray and Micki Lowderman

