

† APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory, are Yours now and forever. Amen.

THE SENDING

† HYMN #13

"Prepare the Way"

† BENEDICTION

† BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"A Closing Prayer"

The time has come, O Lord, for us to leave this place; guide us and protect us and lead us in thy grace. Wherever life may take us as we go our separate ways, help us share with others the things we've shared today. May the peace of God the Father, and the love of Christ, God's Son, guide us in the days ahead and strengthen us, each one. May the blessings of the Spirit fill us from within; God bless us and return us to this fellowship once again.

POSTLUDE

† Please stand if you are able.
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“Kingdom people seek first the Kingdom of God and its justice; church people often put church work above concerns of justice, mercy and truth. Church people think about how to get people into the church; Kingdom people think about how to get the church into the world. Church people worry that the world might change the church; Kingdom people work to see the church change the world” ~ Howard Snyder

PRELUDE

† INTROIT

“Joy to the World”

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: Let earth receive her King; Let every heart prepare Him room, And heaven and nature sing, And heaven and nature sing, And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Please sign the registration pad and update your information)*

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Spirit of the Lord God is upon us.

All: God has sent us to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor. Then our mouths will be filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;

One: Then it will be said among the nations, the Lord has done great things!

All: The Lord has done great things for us ! Rejoice!

† HYMN #36

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

LIGHTING OF THE AVENT CANDLE & CHRIST CANDLE *(5:00pm)* **Jenneil Watkins & Vi Wangness** *(9:30am)* **Carmen & Deb Hout**

ADVENT RESPONSE *(Sung to the tune of “Away in a Manger”)*

***Oh, hear us, we pray, God for dark is the night, and still we are waiting in hope for the light.
Oh, teach us to trust you, preparing the way, until with rejoicing we enter the day.***

CALL TO CONFESSION

**CANTOR: O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.**

TIME OF SILENCE & SELF REFLECTION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Emmanuel, God with us, we fail to see that you continually bless us.
Forgive us God, and make us the disciples you call us to be.
Prepare a place in our hearts for Christ, that we may magnify your love, and give thanks for the many blessings we receive from your hands every day. Amen.**

CONFESSION RESPONSE

**All: O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

† GLORIA PATRI

**O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray. Cast out our sin and enter in.
Be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels, the great glad tidings tell.
O come to us, abide with us. Our Lord Emmanuel!**

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of the our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

HYMN #525 vs. 1

“Here I Am, Lord”

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON *(9:30am)*

Linda Dunleavy

*(At this time the children are invited to bring up their change for “Feeding SD” and place it in the glass jar on the steps)
(Children are dismissed for Children’s Ministry Class)*

ANTHEM *(9:30am)*

Westminster Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

Luke 1 : 46b-55

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

SERMON

Pastor Val Putnam

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

ANTHEM *(5:00pm)*

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

West Sanctuary Choir

OFFERTORY

† DOXOLOGY *(Please stand when music begins)*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

† DEDICATION