

Tradition

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Dec. 21, 2025

8 and 11 AM Worship

PRELUDE	“Medley Away in a Manger and What Child is This” “Unto Us a Boy is Born”	Owens Rogers
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WELCOME

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

RESPONSE “Love Came Down at Christmas” (verse 1) 242

PREPARING OUR HEARTS

SPECIAL MUSIC (11 AM) “When We Seek Him” Edwards
 Children/Youth Choir
 Soloists: Marshall Thackara, Lena Perry, Loretta May,
 Chase Ebright, Anthony Szivos, Nathanael Bennett

*WE'RE CALLED TO WORSHIP

Leader: All creation holds its breath.

People: The time is almost here.

Leader: The heavenly choir of angels ready themselves for their cue to sing.

People: Excitement is all around us.

Leader: Prepare your hearts, the grace of God takes on human form.
Emmanuel. God with us.

People: We gather to make ready our hearts for the coming of Christ, our Love.

*OPENING HYMN	“Angels from the Realms of Glory”	220
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*CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER/SILENT PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

God beyond time and space, take this moment of worship and bless it. May the grace experienced in this place be multiplied to overflowing so that your whole world sees the light of Your love. God of new surprises, take each of us here, and bless us. Create in us clean hearts, refresh our spirits, and transform our whole beings, until we reflect Your love and compassion through and through. In the name of Emmanuel, God with Us, the one who comes to us even now.

GREETING

HEARING GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC (8 AM)	"Of the Father's Love Begotten" Sanctuary Choir	arr. Manor
SCRIPTURE	Luke 2:25-33	
HYMN	"In the Bleak Midwinter"	221
MESSAGE	"Learning to Wait"	Pastor Melissa

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

GIVING TO GOD	<i>In love, God gives us more than enough, and we spread God's love by generously sharing what we have received.</i>	
OFFERTORY	"How Far is it to Bethlehem"	Wagner
*RESPONSE	"The First Noel" (Refrain only)	245
*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING		

TAKING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS		
*CLOSING HYMN	"Angels We Have Heard on High"	238
*BENEDICTION		
*POSTLUDE	"Bring a Torch, Jeannette Isabella"	Lau



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