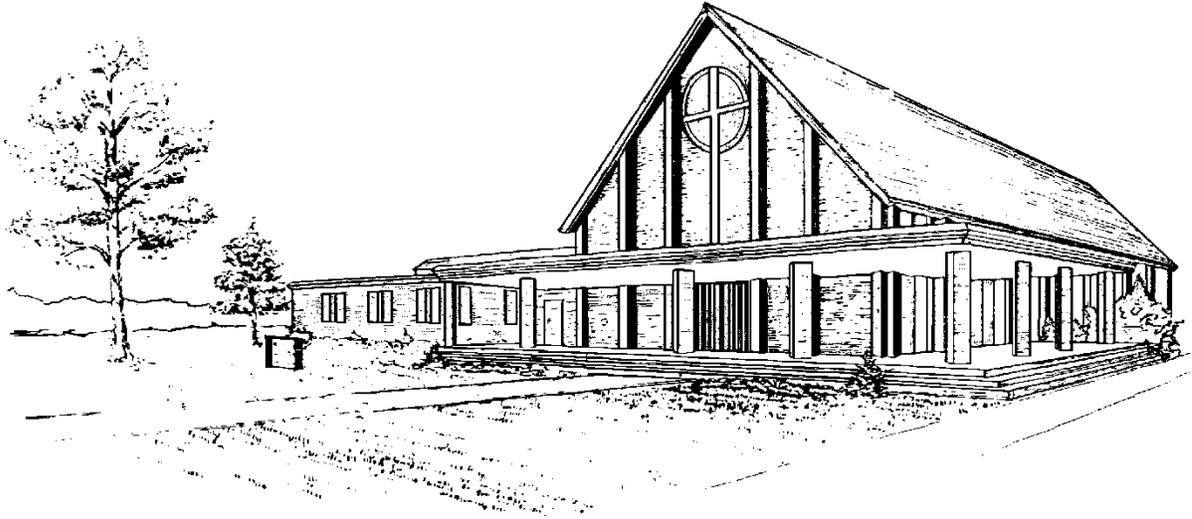


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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Deacon Barbara Small

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Althea and Andrew Segale

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

Listen! The voice of God calls out across the ages.

***We hear and respond. We rise up to worship God  
from the valleys, the mountains, and the plains.***

Like a shepherd, God leads us and tenderly gathers us together.

***“Comfort, comfort O my people,” says our God of Love.***

The grass withers and the flower fades.

***But the word of our God will stand forever!***

HYMN # 5

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

PICARDY

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand.*

*Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in His hand,  
Christ our God to Earth descend-eth, our full homage to demand.*

*King of Kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on Earth He stood,  
Lord of Lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood.  
He will give to all the faith-ful His own self for Heavenly food.*

*Rank on rank the Host of Heaven spreads its vanguard on the way.  
As the Light of Light descendeth from the realms of endless day,  
That the powers of hell may van-ish as the darkness clears away.*

*At His feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim, with sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord Most High!*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*God of Glory, we confess that we have not recognized You in our midst, nor listened to Your voice. Our faith is fragile, and our iniquity goes unrecognized amid our massive self-concern. We have lived as if we have no need to account for the life we have been given. We come to You today with sincere repentance for our neglect. We have failed to prepare the way for Christ's entry into our everyday environment. Pardon and change us, we pray. Amen.*

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

### GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.  
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

### PRAYER CONCERNS

Elder Betty Chatfield

### PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### Congregational Response:

*Breathe on me, breath of God. Fill me with life anew.  
That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.*

### INVITATION TO OFFERING

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### DOXOLOGY

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

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*May these gifts indeed give light to those in darkness, hope to those in despair, and justice to the oppressed, as we bring them to You as an act of sharing Your love with the world, O God. Here, the proud are brought low, and the poor and broken are lifted up. May it be so in all Your Kingdom, we pray, as we dedicate ourselves to You. Amen.*

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 40:1-11

Mark 1:1-8

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

“The Voice of a Prophet”

Rev. Dr. Van Cleef

COMMUNION HYMN

*In Remembrance of Me*

RED

*In remembrance of me, eat this bread. In remembrance of me, drink this cup.*

*In remembrance of me, pray for the time when God’s own will is done.*

*In remembrance of me, heal the sick. In remembrance of me, feed the poor.*

*Open the door and let your neighbors in. Let them in.*

*Take, eat, and be comforted. Drink, and remember, too.*

*That this is my body and precious blood shed for you, shed for you.*

*In remembrance of me, search for truth. In remembrance of me, always love.*

*In remembrance of me, don’t look above but in your heart – look for God.*

*Do this in remembrance of me.*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

***For the nourishment of spirit, mind, and body, for faith that we begin to see, and for comfort from the Prince of Peace, we share our gratitude, Gracious God. Encourage us in these shortened days. And, through the long nights of this season, may our faith in You carry us until the dawn arrives again. Amen.***

HYMN # 15

*Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers*

LLANGLOFFAN

*Rejoice! Rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear.*

*The evening is advancing and darker night is near.*

*The Bridegroom is arising and soon He will draw nigh.*

*Up, watch with expectation, at midnight comes the cry.*

*See that your lamps are burning. Replenish them with oil.*

*Look now for your salvation, the end of sin and toil.*

*The marriage feast is waiting. The gates wide open stand.*

*Arise, O heirs of glory, the Bridegroom is at hand.*

*Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear.*

*Arise, Thou sun so longed for, above this shadowed sphere.*

*With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see*

*The day of Earth’s redemption, and ever be with Thee.*

## BENEDICTION

### CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

*Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.  
Let there be peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
With God, our Creator, we are family.\*  
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.*

*Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:  
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.*

### OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND JOYS

(\*Original words: *With God as our Father, brothers all are we.*)

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