



Come let us adore him

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: The impossible is about to happen in a stable. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

People: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them has the light shined!

Leader: This is the evening when creation stood still and held its breath, for God was doing the most unbelievable, dangerous thing.

People: This is the evening when God embraced humanity from the inside, as one of us, from birth to death.

Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

All: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. Amen.

Carol #147

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

First Lesson

Genesis 3:8-15

In the Garden of Eden, God announces that the seed of women shall bruise the serpent's head

Carol #135

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Second Lesson

Genesis 22:15-18

God promises Abraham that his descendant will bless all nations

Special music

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
One-A-Chord

Third Lesson

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Isaiah foretells Christ's birth and kingdom

Carol #130

Come You People of the Promise

Fourth Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-9

Prophecy of the peace that Christ will bring

Special music

Of the Father's Love Begotten
Lynn Conver

Fifth Lesson

Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel speaks to Mary

Carol #148

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Sixth Lesson

Matthew 1:18-23

Matthew tells of the birth of Jesus

Carol #154

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Seventh Lesson

Luke 2:8-20

The shepherds go to the manger

Carol #157

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Eighth Lesson

Matthew 2:1-11

The star leads the wise men to Jesus

Carol #167

The First Noel (vs. 1-4 only)

Ninth Lesson

John 1:1-14

John announces the incarnation

Carol #171

What Child Is This?

Christmas Reflection

It Was Not A Silent Night

Sending

Closing Prayer

Carol by Candlelight

Silent Night

Pastor: Go in peace. Love and serve the newborn king!

People: Thanks be to God!

*Join us for a cup of coffee
and Christmas cookies following the service.*

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