

MORNING WORSHIP		
December 22, 2019, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.		
PRELUDE	Selections from <i>The Nutcracker</i>	Pyotr Tchaikovsky
INTROIT	<i>Carol of the Bells</i> (Ukranian Carol) Sanctuary Choir	Mikhail Leontovich
THE GATHERING		9:00 Rev. Ann Spears 11:00 Rev. Andy Nixon
*PASSING OF THE PEACE		
*HYMN OF WELCOME	<i>Angels We Have Heard On High</i> (French Carol)	#238
Angels we have heard on high Sweetly singing o'er the plains, And the mountains in reply Echoing their joyous strains.		
Refrain Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!		
Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome tidings be Which inspire your heavenly song?		
Repeat Refrain		
Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing, Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.		
Repeat Refrain		
See Him in a manger laid, Whom the choirs of angels praise, Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, While our hearts in love we raise.		
Repeat Refrain		
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES	<i>Candle of Peace</i>	9:00: The Williams Family 11:00 The Peugnet Family
Reader: The Lord is getting us ready to receive a gift of great joy. It will never go out of style and is good for all seasons, all times, and all people.		
People: Watch for this gift!		
Reader: Be vigilant and ready for the gift is about to come. Is almost here!		
People: The promise of God is faithful and trustworthy.		
Reader: Watch, wait. The Gift is coming into the world! We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Peace, for whom we have been preparing the way.		
People: Make our hearts ready to receive your gift of Peace, O Lord.		

SUNG RESPONSE	<i>Angels We Have Heard On High</i>	#238
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		Dr Brant Wallace
MINISTRY IN MUSIC	<i>Betelehemu</i> (Nigerian Carol)	arr. Via Olatunji
Sanctuary Choir Choir; Nathan Thorpe, soloist "We are glad we have a Father to trust. We are glad we have a Father to rely upon. Where was Jesus born? Bethlehem, the city of wonder. That is where the Father was born for sure. Praise, praise, praise be to Him. We thank Thee, we thank Thee, we thank Thee for this day, Gracious Father. Praise, praise, praise be to Thee, Merciful Father."		
*THE WORD IN SCRIPTURE		John 15:12-17
This is the Word of the Lord! Thanks be to God!		
MESSAGE		9:00 Rev. Ann Spears 11:00 Rev. Andy Nixon
Under Wraps: Love		
THE LORD’S PRAYER		
*HYMN OF REFLECTION	<i>Infant Holy, Infant Lowly</i> (Polish Carol)	#229
Infant holy, infant lowly, For His bed a cattle stall; Oxen lowing, little knowing, Christ the babe is Lord of all. Swift are winging angels singing, Noels ringing, tidings bringing: Christ the babe is Lord of all. Christ the babe is Lord of all.		
Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping Vigil till the morning new Saw the glory, heard the story, Tidings of a gospel true. Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, Praises voicing, greet the morrow: Christ the babe was born for you. Christ the babe was born for you.		
FAITHFUL GIVING		Rev. Donyale Fraylon
MINISTRY IN MUSIC	<i>Hacia Belén va un borrico</i> (Spanish Carol)	arr. Parker & Shaw
Sanctuary Choir, John Arnold, Soloist Towards Bethlehem goes a donkey I remember, I remember Laden with chocolate. It carries its chocolate pot, I remember, I remember I remember, yet I forget,		

Its chocolate mill and its stove. Mary come here, come running Because they are eating up the chocolate. At the gate of Bethlehem I remember, I remember, Gypsies have entered; I remember, I remember And from the child who is in the cradle. I remember, I remember, they have taken the swaddling clothes. Mary come here, come running. They are seizing the swaddling clothes, Mary come here, come flying. They are carrying off the swaddling clothes. With a hat of straw a Galician arrives at the gate; I remember, I remember while he worshipped the Child the ox ate his hat. Mary, Mary come running. Mary, Mary, come here flying and comfort the Galician who is crying here.		
INVITATION		9:00 Rev. Ann Spears 11:00 Rev. Andy Nixon
*HYMN OF BLESSING	<i>Go Tell it on the Mountain</i> (African-American Spiritual)	#251
Refrain Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere. Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born.		
While shepherds kept their watching O’er silent flocks by night Behold, throughout the heavens There shone a holy light.		
Repeat Refrain		
The shepherds feared and trembled When lo, above the earth Rang out the angel chorus That hailed the Savior’s birth.		
Repeat Refrain		
Down in a lowly manger The humble Christ was born, And God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn.		
Repeat Refrain		
SENDING FORTH		Courtney Hutchins
POSTLUDE	<i>Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying!</i>	Paul Manz
* Please stand, as you are able.		
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