



Words of Welcome

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

**THE GATHERING** – We Enter into God's Presence

Sharing Christ's Peace

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Gathering in the Light

Prelude to Worship

"Lo, How a Rose Ere Blooming" arr. Dennis Alexander

Julie Dean, piano

\*Invitation to Worship

Lee Sprinkle

*one: The presence of God is found, not in abstract heavens, but here, in the Earth of things:*

*all: **In the shrill cry of life first emerging from a womb.***

*one: In communities that gather round.*

*all: **In the land that holds us and the water that enables us.***

*one: God is found in the possibilities of new life to come —*

*all: **Possibility for relationship. Possibility for intimacy.***

*one: Possibility for seismic shifts around us.*

*all: **We rejoice and worship our coming God with anticipation and open to transformation.***

\*Opening Hymn

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Chalice Hymnal #148

Invocation

Lee Sprinkle

Advent Candle Lighting

"Come, Lord Jesus Come" by Joel Raney

Chalice Chancel Choir

*one: Advent is a time to celebrate God's love.*

*all: **God's love is pure.***

*one: We celebrate by loving our neighbors as ourselves.*

*all: **God's love is everlasting.***

*one: We celebrate by loving the Lord our God with all our hearts.*

*all: **God's love is all-powerful.***

*one: We celebrate by spreading God's love to a world in need.*

*all: **God's love is freely given to all.***

**THE WORD** – We Receive God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

"Be Still"

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Worship & Wonder Scripture      “The Magi Show the Way to Bethlehem”      Pastor Lisa Engelken  
*a Children Worship & Wonder story written by Sonja M. Stewart and Jerome Berryman*  
*adapted by J. Richard Gibson, based on Matthew 1-2 and Luke 1-2*  
*(told in the Children Worship & Wonder room)*

Scripture      Luke 1:39-45, 56-58 (Common English Bible)      Theresa Krebs

Sermon      “From Generation to Generation, We See God in Each Other”      Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Hymn      “My Soul Gives Glory to My God”      Chalice Hymnal #130

### **THE RESPONSE – We Respond in Worship**

Prayers of the People      Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Our 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 debts as we forgive our debtors.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Response in Song      “We Belong to One Another” by Amanda Udis-Kessler

Invitation to Stewardship      Rev. Laura Ann Phillips  
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\*Doxology      “The First Noel Doxology”

Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to Communion      Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution      Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Communion Response      “Breath of Heaven” arr. Melody Bober      Julie Dean, piano

### **SENDING FORTH – We Go Out into the World**

Invitation to Discipleship      Theresa Krebs

\*Closing Hymn      “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”      Chalice Hymnal #150

\*Blessing and Benediction      Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Postlude      “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen” arr. Kevin Olson      Julie Dean, piano

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