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**Thank you for worshipping with us today!**

*Please make sure you have registered your attendance with us on the sign-in sheet in the hallway.  
 If you are a guest or visitor with us, be sure to pick up our newsletter, The OPCC Scene,  
 or see our website for current event, activity, opportunity, and contact information here at OPCC.*

**COVID-19 Protocols**

*Please social distance from people who are not in your household. Face masks must be worn the entire time you are at OPCC, except for when actively taking communion. Our worship leaders are permitted to sing and speak without masks. Our complete "Returning to OPCC Covenant" is available in the church entryway and on our website at [www.bit.ly/opccInPerson](http://www.bit.ly/opccInPerson)*



**For those with children...**

*We welcome the sounds and movements of little ones that remind us God is moving in our midst!  
 Please make yourself comfortable in the Sanctuary, and/or in our family-friendly worship space in the Overflow Room. For a more engaging worship, there are family activity boxes available for each household.  
 If you do not find a box with your family name on it, please feel free to use a guest box.  
 Children of all ages are always welcome in Sanctuary worship, however we also have available our staffed Nursery for children through 3 years old, as well as Children Worship & Wonder.  
 The Nursery and the Children Worship & Wonder room are located in the northeast hallway.*



Words of Welcome

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

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

Sharing Christ's Peace and Gathering in the Light

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

*you may respond: **And also with you.***

Prelude to Worship

"Away in a Manger (Cradle Song)"  
 William Kirkpatrick, arr. Frances L. Callahan

Reverberations Bell Choir

Invitation to Worship

Nancy Phipps

*one: If life was a home, then we would pray —*

*all: **may love be the foundation.***

*one: May God be the cornerstone.*

*all: **May the Spirit be the windows — ushering in light.***

*one: And may hope be the walls — holding us together.*

*all: **In this hour of worship, we work toward building that home together.***

*one: We may not know the path ahead, but God is here, even now.*

*all: **We give thanks for a foundation of love as we worship Holy God.***

Opening Hymn

"Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates"

Chalice Hymnal #129

Invocation

Nancy Phipps

Prayer Response

"Be Still"

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Worship & Wonder Scripture "The Holy Family Shows the Way to Bethlehem"

Mary Poggie

a Children Worship & Wonder story by Sonja M. Stewart and Jerome Berryman, based on Matthew 1-2 and Luke 1-2

*Children 3 years and older are invited to go with our CW&W storyteller at this time to the  
Children Worship & Wonder Room for the Children Worship & Wonder story.*

Lighting of the Advent Candles

The Sigmon Family

As we reflect on the foundation of our faith in our lives, we gather together around the candle of peace.

The home we long for is a home that knows peace — peace that rests between us and our grief,  
peace around our anxiety, peace between us and our self-criticism, peace amidst our relationships,  
peace at the core of our being, peace hovering through and in our world.

*(lighting of the second purple candle of peace)*

The home we long for is a home that knows peace.

So today we light the candle of peace — as a reminder and as a prayer.

Let it be so. Amen.

Song of Response

“When God Is a Child”

Chalice Hymnal #132; v 2

### **THE WORD – We Receive God’s Word**

Prayer of Illumination

Calvin McBride

Scripture

Luke 1:57-80 (Common English Bible)

Calvin McBride

Sermon

“Laying the Foundation”

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Special Music

“O Come, All Ye Faithful (*Adeste fideles*)”

Reverberations Bell Choir

John F. Wade, arr. Frances L. Callahan

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

Prayers of the People

Rev. Chuck Pickrel

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.**

Song of Response

“We Wish You (A Merry, Peaceful, Wonderful Christmas)”

Invitation to Stewardship

Calvin McBride

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we are “being church” even now, you may give on our website [www.opccdoc.org](http://www.opccdoc.org) by scanning  
this QR code, or by dropping a check or cash in the glass-paneled box in the entry hallway.*



Doxology

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Doxology”

tune & refrain: Chalice Hymnal #119

Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to Communion

Rev. Chuck Pickrel

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Communion Response

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

Reverberations Bell Choir

traditional French carol, arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

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

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Chuck Pickrel

Closing Hymn

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

Chalice Hymnal #677

Blessing and Benediction

Rev. Chuck Pickrel

Postlude

“God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen” arr. Kevin Olson

Julie Dean, piano

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