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Gathering

OPENING PRAISE Praise the Lord

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

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*PRAISE SONGS What Child is This? El Shaddai Jesus, Be the Center

*SHARING GOD'S PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing Joys & Concerns Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving The Lord's Prayer

Sharing and Responding to God's Word

SONG OF ILLUMINATION Emmanuel

SCRIPTURE Malachi 3:1-4 Luke 3:1-6

MESSAGE "A VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS: Faith Prepares" Rev. Mary B. Birgelaitis

RESPONSE SONG I Just Want to Praise You

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION (please bring offering up at Communion)

Words for Communion Communion Song Offering Prayer after Communion

Going Forth to Serve

*FINAL BLESSING Emmanuel, Emmanuel Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel. God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.

*CLOSING SONG I Believe in Jesus

*Worshippers stand as able.

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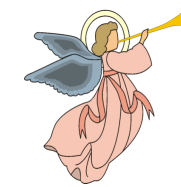
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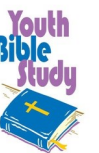
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PRELUDE	Go, Tell It On The Mountain	arr. Dan Coates
INTROIT	Sing We Now of Christmas	verse 1 No. 237

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The day foretold is coming,
**When our deafened ears will hear a choir,
A heavenly host proclaiming peace!**
The One foretold is coming—
**Whose cry will pierce the deepest gloom:
a newborn's wail in the silent night!**
The day is at hand! O World, listen!
The Savior draws near!

*OPENING HYMN	People, Look East	No. 202
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CHILDREN'S MOMENT	Judy Atwood
LIGHTING THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE—FAITH (as children come forward and as they leave) "Away in the Manger" No. 217	

ANTHEM	Hope Was Born	By Ed Kee & Brian Carr
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SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

A TIME OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer	Emmanuel, Emmanuel	No. 204
Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer		
Choral Response	Emmanuel, Emmanuel	No. 204

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*HYMN *Of The Father's Love Begotten* No. 184

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OFFERING
Call to Stewardship and Mission
Offertory *The Birthday of a King* by William Neidlinger
Doxology / Prayer of Dedication Melody from Hymnal, No. 95

**Praise God whose dawn transfigures night.
Whose Daystar shines for us on high,
Whose Spirit brings into our sight.
The Hope to which our world draws nigh.**

HOLY COMMUNION Page 15-16
Communion Music *Mary, Did You Know?* by Lowry / Greene

*CLOSING HYMN *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* No. 213

BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* No. 224

**Good Christian friends, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss;
News, news! Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened heaven's door, and ye are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this, Christ was born for this!**

POSTLUDE *My Faith Has Found a Resting Place* arr. Tom Fettke



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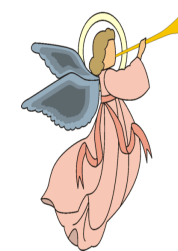
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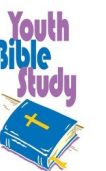
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