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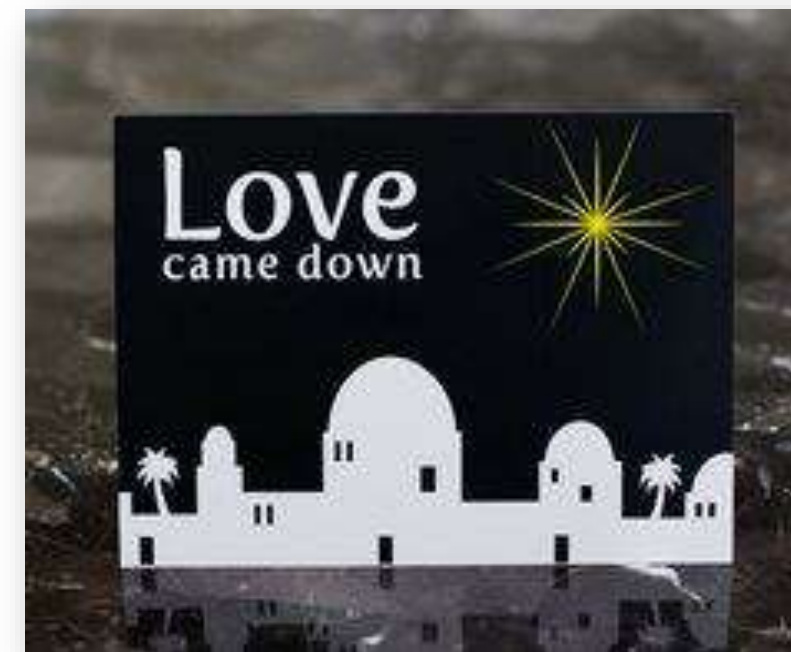
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## 8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE



## December 30, 2018



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First Sunday after Christmas Day

### Gathering

OPENING PRAISE *Let's Worship*

WELCOMING OUR VISITORS

PRAISE *Hark the Herald Angels Sing  
Jesus Be the Center  
What Child is This?*

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

### Sharing and Responding to God's Word

SONG OF ILLUMINATION *Exodus 15*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

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SERMON *"WHAT CHILD IS THIS?"*

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CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION *Create in Me a Clean Heart*

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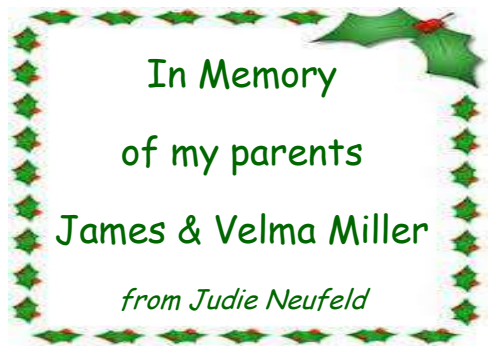
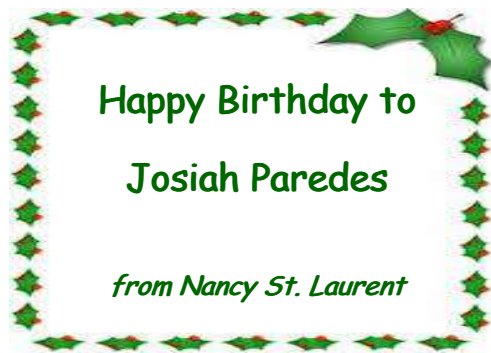
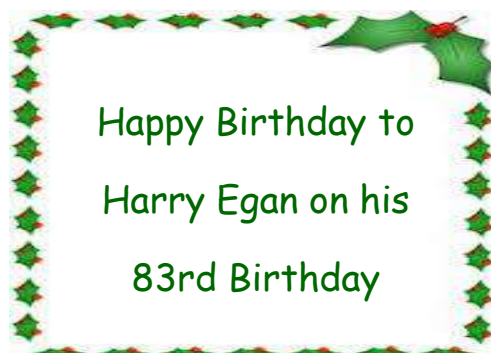
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**10:30 AM**

**First Sunday after Christmas Day**

CENTERING WORDS

Christmas has come. The New Year awaits.  
We celebrate a year of new beginnings!

PRELUDE	<i>Bethlehem Morning</i>	Morris Chapman
CHORAL INTROIT	<i>He Is Born</i> (refrain)	No. 228

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

With gratitude and joy,  
**let's sing to the God of love.**  
In cheerful celebration,  
**let's lift our hymns of praise.**  
With hope and joyful hearts,  
**let's sing to Christ, the newborn King.**

*OPENING HYMN	<i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i>	No. 240
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### WELCOMING OUR VISITORS

### \*OPENING PRAYER

**We bring our songs and joy, our hope and love, in celebration and praise this day.**  
**Beloved God, send your angels to sing through our songs.**  
**Send your love to flow through our gathering, your hope to encourage our journey, and your wisdom to guide our thoughts.**  
**In Christ's holy name, we pray. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT	<i>Away in a Manger</i> (as children come and go)	Carolyn Russell No. 217
	<i>Nursery care is available.</i>	
	<i>Children ages K-6 are dismissed with their teachers at this time.</i>	

### A TIME OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer	<i>Star-Child</i>	TFWS #2095
Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer		
Choral Response	<i>Star-Child</i>	TFWS #2095

SPECIAL MUSIC *Mary, Did You Know* Mark Lowry/Betty Greene  
soloist, Dave Anderson

SCRIPTURE READINGS 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26  
Luke 2:41-52

HYMN (remain seated) *What Child Is This?* No. 219

SERMON "WHAT CHILD IS THIS?"

OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *He is Born, The Divine Christ Child*  
Trad. French Melody—arr. Carol Tornquist

\*Doxology / Prayer of Dedication

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

\*CLOSING HYMN *Go Tell It On the Mountain* No. 251

\*BENEDICTION

Like Samuel and Jesus before us,  
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**May we be stars of praise, displaying God's glory,  
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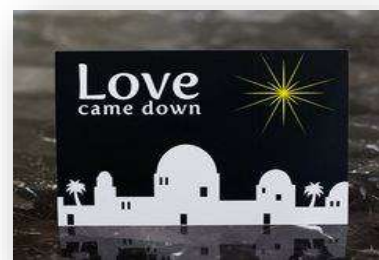
\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Love Came Down at Christmas* No. 242

**Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, Love divine;  
Love was born at Christmas; star and angels gave the sign.**

**Worship we the Godhead, Love incarnate, Love divine;  
worship we our Jesus, but wherewith for sacred sign?**

**Love shall be our token; love be yours and love be mine;  
love to God and all men, love for plea and gift and sign.**

POSTLUDE *I Heard the Bells / Carol of the Bells* Leotovich/Calkin



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