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8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE



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Advent II

Gathering

OPENING PRAISE *Let All the Earth*

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SHARING GOD'S PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Sharing and Responding to God's Word

SONG OF ILLUMINATION *Oh Come, Oh Come Emmanuel*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

SCRIPTURE Malachi 3:1-4
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SERMON *SILHOUETTES OF PEACE*

OFFERING *We Fall Down*

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION *Holy Spirit*

FINAL BLESSING *Emmanuel*

*CLOSING *When A Savior Dreams*

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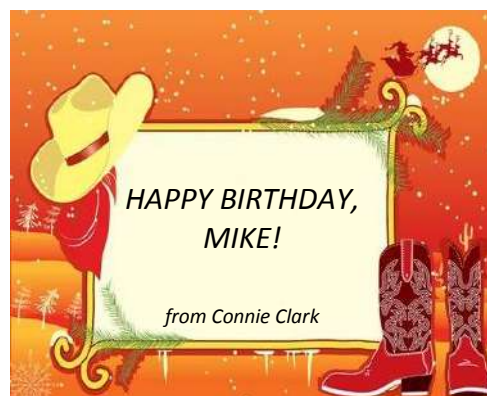
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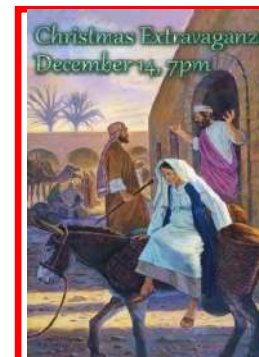
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CENTERING WORDS

"By the tender mercy of our God,
the dawn from on high will break upon us,
to give light to those who sit in darkness
and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace. --Luke 1:78-79

PRELUDE *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*-Meditation Lau, Payton, Eliot
Brad Bettencourt, guest organist

INTROIT *Sing We Now of Christmas* No. 237

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Light is dawning,
calling us to a new day.
Christ's light of love is shining,
encouraging us on the journey.
The Spirit is showing us the path of peace,
and inviting us to walk with God.

*OPENING HYMN *People, Look East* No 202

WELCOMING OUR VISITORS

*OPENING PRAYER

**Light of the world, shine up on this day.
Show us the way to be a Christmas people.
Prepare us to walk your path of peace,
that we may rejoice with the angels
and proclaim peace to your people on earth. Amen.**

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

A TIME OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER

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

CHORAL ANTHEM *I Heard the Bells*

SCRIPTURE READINGS Malachi 3:1-4
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HYMN (remain seated) *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* No. 218
verses 1,2 & 4

SERMON *SILHOUETTES OF PEACE*

OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering
Offertory *Masters in This Hall* Traditional English Carol
*Doxology / Prayer of Dedication

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

*CLOSING HYMN *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* No. 224

*BENEDICTION

Even as we look for the light of Christ,
may we shine with the light we seek.
**Even as we strain to behold the glory of your dawn,
may we abide faithfully in the dark watches of the night.**

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Dona Nobis Pacem*
(Grant Us Peace)

POSTLUDE *Let There Be Peace on Earth* Sy Miller/Jill Jackson



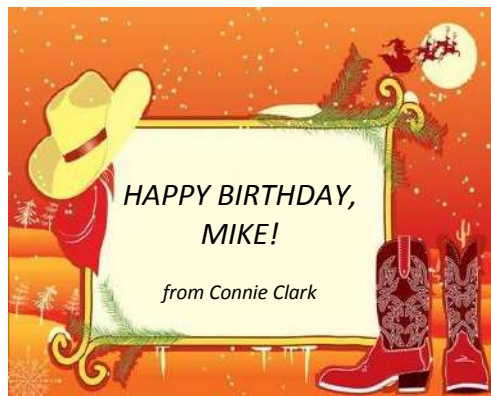
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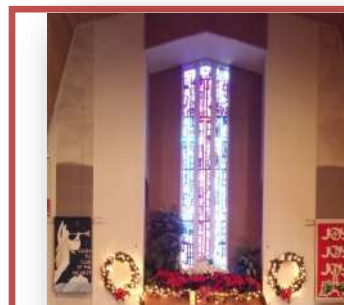
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