

## *Welcome to our Service of Worship*

### **PRELUDE/LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES**

#### **Announcements**

#### **Call to Worship**

L: Arise, shine, for your light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. Lift up your eyes round about and see.

**P: Sing and rejoice. For lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of you, says the Lord.**

L: It is high time to awake out of sleep; for now is our salvation nearer than when we first believed.

**P: The night is far spent, the day is at hand; let us put on the armor of light.**

**All: As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold; as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright; so most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to Thee.**

Prayer: Leader: Loving Father, who has brought us again to the glad season in which we celebrate the birth of your Son, Jesus of Nazareth, open our hearts that we may joyfully welcome him to reign over us; open our lips that we too may sing with uplifted heart, "Glory to God" in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased.

**People: Amen. Lord Jesus, Come!**

#### **The Meaning of the Service**

**\*Hymn: #196** Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

#### **Christmas in America Lessons of Christmas**

**\*Hymn: #240** Hark the Herald Angels Sing

#### **The Evergreens**

#### **The Christmas Tree**

#### **Hanging of the Crismons**

#### **The Christmas Poinsettia**

#### **The Paraments and Advent Colors**

**\*Hymn: #211** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel vs 1-4

#### **The Advent Wreath**

#### **Lighting of the Advent Candle**

#### **Candle Song**

#### **The Nativity**

### **JOYS, CONCERNS and PRAYER REQUEST**

#### **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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### **OFFERING/\*DOXOLOGY #95**

#### **Lighting the Christmas Candles and Lights**

#### **The Bells of Christmas**

#### **Christmas Caroling**

**\*Hymn: #246** Joy to The World

#### **\*CONCLUDING PRAYER**

#### **\*BENEDICTION**

#### **\*CONGREGATION RESPONSE #328**