

## ***Welcome to our Service of Worship***

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

#### **Announcements**

#### **Lighting the Advent Candle/Candle Song**

#### **Contemporary Song**

#### **Call To Worship:**

L- We are longing and waiting for the Lord to be revealed.

**P- The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon.**

L- Let us live decent lives, bathed in the light of the Lord.

**P- The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon.**

L- We know not when the master comes: evening, midnight, dawn.

**P- The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon.**

L- God of hosts, bring us back.

**P- Let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.**

**\*Hymn: 238** Angels We Have Heard on High

#### **Opening Prayer in Unison**

O Merciful God, who came in Jesus Christ with saving power to a world that walked in darkness and in the shadow of death, we praise and bless you for all those your servants who helped prepare the way for his

appearing, and for those who received him and gave to him the worship of their hearts and lives. Amen

**Scripture Lesson:** Luke 1:57-66

**Children's message**

**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.**

**TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**\*DOXOLOGY #95**

**\*Prayer**

**\*Hymn: 219** What Child Is This

**Sermon Scripture:** Matthew 1:18

**Sermon Title:** Joy in the unanswered prayers

**\*Hymn: 230** O Little Town of Bethlehem

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATION RESPONSE #227 vs 3**

**Phelps Chapel United Methodist Church**

December 17, 2023

9:00 A.M.