

“Thinking of the Year”

Lighting the Advent Wreath

“The Call to Worship”

When an angel of the Lord appeared to Mary, Mary said yes, even in the midst of the unknown.

When an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph, Joseph said yes, even in the midst of uncertainty.

When we consider the origins of our Christian faith in the midst of mystery and glory, we say yes to God.

When we celebrate the birth of Christ, we proclaim God is with us, Emmanuel.

Come! Let us worship.

Signs “Angels from the Kingdom of Glory” UMH 220

“The Opening Prayer”

God with us, Emmanuel, as we draw near to the manger, focus our attention to your presence among us. As we consider the love, care and faith of Mary and Joseph, strengthen our faith. As we prepare our hearts and homes for Christmas, be our grace. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

The Children’s Message

Time of Sharing and Prayer

Love and Concern

The Pastoral Prayer/The Lord’s Prayer (UMH 885)

Signs “O Little Town of Bethlehem” UMH 226

Prayer Psalm 93 UMH 80

“Affirmation of Faith” A Modern Affirmation UMH 885

“Share Point” UMH 75

The Meaning of God’s Gifts and Our Offerings

Offering

“The Story” UMH 85

“The Power of Dedication: In this season of giving, O God, Emmanuel, receive our gifts and transform them into gifts that help others know your presence in their lives today. May we welcome every opportunity you provide to share the love of God, and may our lives be gifts to all your children. In Christ we pray. Amen.”

The New Testament Reading – Romans 1: 1-7 p. 189

The Gospel Reading – Matthew 1: 18-25 p. 190

Prayer for Dedication

The Message Courage and Assurance

Signs “Hark, the Herald Angels Sing” UMH 242

“The Charge and Blessing”

Go to prepare a place in your hearts and homes for God your Christ, Emmanuel. Go to prepare a welcome for the Christ child, God with us, Emmanuel. Go to prepare an opening for the Holy Spirit, the breath of God among us, Emmanuel. Amen.

Response “Hail for the Ve That leads us In” UMH 827

“Thinking of the Trinity/Pentecost”

“Please stand as you are able.”