

# *The Lord's Day December 25, 2016*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. — 1 Peter 1:3

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## Morning Worship Service – 9:30am

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. — Micah 5:2

Quiet Meditation in Preparation for Worship

#### God Greets and Calls Us To Worship

**Apostolic Salutation** 

Call to Worship

#### \*We Respond to God's Call (please respond in the bold print)

Leader:	Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
People:	let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
Leader:	For the LORD is a great God,
People:	and a great King above all gods.

*Hymn of Praise	Glory to God	Bulletin Insert
*Invocation		
*Doxology		#731
	Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.	

Confession of Faith

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Psalm 95:1

## Morning Worship Service – 9:30am

#### We Confess Our Sins

#### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy; there is always forgiveness with you! Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let your word abide with us until it has wrought in us your holy will. Amen.

\*Assurance of Pardon

#### God Speaks to Us from His Word

*Hymn of Preparation	Once in Royal David's City	#225
Old Testament Reading	Provided Bible, p. 620	Isaiah 61:1–11
New Testament Reading	Provided Bible, p. 857	Luke 2:1–21
Sermon	Peace on Earth	Luke 2:1–21
*Hymn of Thanksgiving	Hark! The Herald Angels Sing	#203

Congregational Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever. Amen.

#### Offering

*Closing Hymn	O Come, All Ye Faithful	#208
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## God Blesses Us

\*Benediction

\* Please stand

#### Joel 2:13–14a

Isaiah 55:6-9

## Evening Worship Service – 6:00pm

Quiet Meditation in Preparation for Worship

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Call to Worship		Psalm 117:1–2
We Respond to God's Call		
*Hymn of Praise	Of the Father's Love Begotten	#162
*Invocation		
Hymn of Adoration	What Child Is This	#213
Responsive Reading	Trinity Hymnal, p. 785	Psalm 2
Congregational Prayer		
*Hymn of Preparation	As with Gladness Men of Old	#226
God Speaks to Us from His	Word	
Old Testament Reading	Provided Bible, p. 778	Micah 5:1–15
New Testament Reading	Provided Bible, p. 807	Matthew 2:1–12
Sermon	The Shepherd-King of Bethlehem	Matthew 2:1–12

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

## God Blesses Us

\*Hymn of Thanksgiving

\*Benediction

\* Please stand

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