

Morning Worship

December 26, 2021, 10:00 am

**Denotes Standing, in body and/or spirit*

Worship Theme: What God Wants for Christmas

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude Angels from Realm of Glory Robert W. Thygerson

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Pastor Chuck

***Call to Worship (Responsively)** Exodus 20 Leader

Leader: I am the Lord your God. There are no other Gods besides me and you shall make no idols of or for yourself

People: We will worship only you Our Lord and Savior.

Leader: You shall not take my name in vain. You shall remember the 7th day as the Sabbath and keep it Holy;

People: God created all the Heavens and the Earth in six days and on the 7th day you rested. So shall we do as you have done.

Leader: You shall not kill, commit adultery, steal, give false testimonies to anyone and shall not try to covet or desire what is not yours.

People: As you have spoken it, we will obey as you are our Father in Heaven, and all Honor and Glory is yours and yours alone. AMEN.

***Opening Hymn** "O Come, All Ye Faithful" UMH #234
(v 1,3,6)

***Opening Prayer/Prayer of Confession (Unison)** Leader
Heavenly Father, as we continue to celebrate the Birth of your Son Jesus, please help us to remember that this is exactly what Christmas is all about. We must confess that we sometimes get too wrapped up in the celebrations, gift purchasing and giving, parties and all that goes with Christmas and forget to take time to honor you and the birth of your Son. Grant us Father the wisdom to remember to honor you and to take the time to Love and Cherish all that you have given to us. We humbly ask for your forgiveness and guidance as we continue to Celebrate you and the Birth of your Son, our Good Shepherd. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Epistle Lesson: Colossians 3:12-17 (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

***Gospel Reading** Luke 2:41-52 (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "What God Wants for Christmas" Anita Stabler-Hussey

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn of Response "There's a Song in the Air" UMH #249
(v 1,2,4)

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns

Silent Prayer followed by the Pastoral Prayer

The Offering of our Gifts (Please mail in your offerings)

*Doxology

Offering Prayer (Unison)

As we continue to celebrate the Christmas Season and the Birth and Gift to all of us from you, your Son, Jesus, please accept these our Gifts to you in Faith and Love that we may continue to do your Good Work, Love and Cherish all those around you and us, and Humbly walk in your Light and on the path you so desire us to follow. We pray this in your name and in the name of your Beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn "Joy to the World" UMH #246

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "Let There Be Peace on Earth" UMH #431

Join us Wednesday's @ 7:30am for

Wednesday-Wakeup Devotional & Fellowship



[Zoom Link](#)

(Live Meeting)



[YouTube \(https://bitly.com/WWakeup\)](https://bitly.com/WWakeup)

(Recorded Sessions)

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What God wants for
Christmas

Worship Livestream Zoom link:

<https://zoom.us/j/96540669674?pwd=OEVTYXdILzBucDR4YzBvdEwvSlkyQT09>

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"Growing in the Body of Christ"