

**December 31, 2023**

**GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

PRELUDE Instrumental

\*WORDS OF BLESSING

\*HYMN #29 "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us go, in heart and mind, to see what has come to pass. Let us go with the shepherds:

**People: Let us go to find the Savior!**

Leader: Let us go with the wise ones:

**People: Let us go to find God's promise, born for us!**

Leader: Let us go with the poor and humble:

**People: Let us go to find our King, born in a lowly manger.**

Leader: Let us go with all the world, with all the peoples of the nations. Come, let us worship; come, let us adore him:

**People: Christ the Lord!**

OPENING PRAYERS

MUSIC "Do You Hear What I Hear"

**LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD**

SERMON Luke 2:21-40

**RESPONDING AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

MUSIC "Belleau Wood"

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**GOING IN GOD'S NAME**

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Instrumental

*We welcome our own Rev. Gregg Meserole as a worship leader and preacher for this morning's service. He and Katherine invest in many valuable ways within the life of our congregation. We're grateful he is in this role today while Pastor Pat and his wife Laura are on vacation in Oregon.*



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January 14th  
(after service)  
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**Budgeted Giving for 2023 \$503,000**  
**Total received \$486,000 97% as of 12/19/2023.**  
**Thank you for the 35 new pledges received to date for next year.**