



BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Prelude *Pastoral Symphony & He Shall Feed His Flock* from *Messiah*, G.F. Handel Bob Davies

Welcome

Worship Leader, Jennifer Steenstra

Leader: The Lord be with you! *People:* **And also with you!**

Passing the Peace

Silent Listening

Light the Advent Candle

Tatumn Walter & Genna Delance (9:00 am)

People: *We are God's people.*

Beth Bollinger (10:45 am)

We light this candle

*as a sign of the love of God,
who comes to walk in our shoes
and makes a home among us.*

O come, Immanuel.

Anthem *Shine the Light of Your Love* by Mark Patterson

Choir

As we wait in darkness for God's holy gift of light

We look for hope, we search for peace

We long for love, we yearn for joy

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, come now and shine Your holy light

Shine the light of Your love like a candle

In the darkness of our lives

Shine the light of Your love in our hearts, Lord

Come and shine the light of Your love

Come and shine the light of Your love

Precious Child of Heaven, Holy Infant King

How we long to know Your love and see the light You bring

Hope of the ages, peace throughout all time

Love and joy eternal, Emmanuel, come shine *(Chorus)*

**Congregation, please rise and join the choir on the final chorus.*

Hymn #104 *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You*

Prayer of Confession and Declaration of Forgiveness

Scripture Reading [Isaiah 11:1-10](#) (Pew Bible: Old Testament, p 600-601)

Leader: The Word of the Lord. *People:* **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn #94 *Now the Heavens Start to Whisper*

Choir

Congregation joins with the choir on the 3rd verse.

Children's Message

Kristin Wilhite

Our Prayers to God [>>Click here for the Virtual Prayer Wall](#)

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Responding to God's Great Love [>>>Click here to give online](#)

Leader: You have given all to me.

People: **To you, Lord, I return it.**

Leader: Everything is Yours.

People: **Do with it what You will.**

Leader: Give me only Your love and Your grace.

People: **That is enough for me.**

Hymn #105 *People, Look East*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Ushers

Sermon *Awake to the Astonishing:
Light Accompanying the Darkness*

*Associate Pastor of Youth and
Young Adults, Danielle Merseles*

The Sacrament of Our Lord's Supper

Please come forward to form two lines. There are two ways to receive the sacrament: you may take a communion kit and partake of it in your pew; or you may receive a piece of bread, dip it in the common cup and partake of the elements. If you would like gluten-free, just ask your server for it. Those who do not wish to receive the sacraments can simply cross their arms and they will receive a brief blessing. A leader is available up front for intercessory prayer.

The 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 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 forever. Amen.

Hymn #129 *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

Hymn #110 *Love Has Come*

Benediction

Danielle Merseles

Postlude *While By My Sheep* arr. Hayes/Wagner

Bob Davies

Preaching Today Rev. Danielle Merseles

Leading Worship Jennifer Steenstra

Ministers You, who are touched by God's grace, being healed by God's love

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Cover Northern Lights by Danielle Merseles

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