

Welcome to worship! No matter where you are, where you have been, or where you are on your faith journey, our prayer is that you will find a place to belong in worship and mission with us.

December 24, 2022 4:00 pm

Preparation for Worship

A child cries out. New life begins, hope is born, and light shines forth for all to see.

-- Mary Scifres

Focus Scripture

Isaiah 9:2-7

Prelude In Dulci Jubilo

J.S. Bach

\*Song

Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)

Adore Him

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The St. John Family

\*Song

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

\*Call to Worship

Rejoice and sing.

A child is born!

Sing songs of praise.

For the Prince of Peace is in our midst.

Rejoice and sing.

Christ is born! Hallelujah. Amen.

Common Prayer (Let us pray together...)

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, be born in our hearts tonight. Shine your light into the darkness of our world, that all the earth might know your glorious presence and that all people might find hope in your love and grace. In your glorious name, we pray. Amen.

Scripture Luke 2:1-20

Special Music The Friendly Beasts Angel Choir Emily Jenkins, Director Kathy Brown, Piano

Kid's Time

Message

Sharing of our Gifts and Lives

Song Christmas Offering

## Prayer of Dedication

Beautiful Savior, we are so grateful for your birth so many years ago, and we are so joyful to have your presence in our lives this night. In gratitude, we offer our gifts, however humble they might be. Transform our gifts with your glory and grace, that our gifts might become grace and love, and light and hope, for a world in need of you. Amen.

Special Music O Holy Night soloist

Holy Communion

\*Hymn Silent Night

Benediction

Shine light in the darkness.

Bring peace into our troubled world.

Proclaim hope in the midst of despair.

A child has been born to us, who is Love for the nations and Light for the world. Amen.

Postlude Sing to the Lord on High Livingston, Jr.

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## **New Day Praise Team:**

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