

WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

PRELUDE *Gloria* Arr. Hopson

GREETING & EXPLANATIONS

+OPENING HYMN *Sing We Now of Christmas* p. 237

+OPENING PRAYER

**Almighty God,
you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word:
Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts,
may shine forth in our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD AND RESPOND IN FAITH

+GOSPEL LESSON Luke 2: 22-28 (read)
Luke 2: 29-23 (sung)
Simeon's Song comp. Tommy Walker
Kathy Brown, soprano

REFLECTION *In The Beginning...*

HYMNS *Of The Father's Love Begotten* p. 184
Savior of the Nations, Come p. 214
(stanzas 1, 2, & 3)

KID'S TIME

REFLECTION *The Golden Age (took a while to arrive)*

HYMNS *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* p. 224
The Friendly Beasts p. 227
(stanzas 1, 2, 3 & 6)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS AND LIVES

Announcements
Offertory *Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mild* Arr. Hays
Doxology p. 94

Prayer of Dedication
**God of life, savior of the poor,
receive with this money gratitude for your goodness,
penitence for our pride and dedication to your service
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

REFLECTION *Feliz Navidad!*

HYMNS *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* p. 229
Angels We Have Heard on High p. 238

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

REFLECTION *The More Popular Wesley Brother*

HYMNS *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* p. 196
Hark! the Herald Angels Sing p. 240

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Glory to God/Antioch* Arr. Hopson



SERVICE OF THE WORD

December 31, 2023

Monticello
United Methodist Church

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