

**Order of the Worship Service
January 11, 2025, 10:00am
John Welton, preaching**

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life

*Call to Worship

One: O come, let us worship the Lord
and consider what wondrous things God has done:

All: The peoples who live in the shadows see a glorious light!

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and consider what wondrous things God has done:

**All: The Christ who embodies the Word unveils the hidden plan,
making us joint heirs of the promise of salvation through the gospel!**

One: O come, let us worship the Lord,

All: for God has done wondrous things!

*Opening Hymn 156

SING OF GOD MADE MANIFEST

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we take refuge in you;

you alone are the source of all our good.

**We seek to be counted among the godly and upright,
but we confess that we have turned away from you.**

Forgive us, God of life.

Help us set you always before us, and sustain us in your righteousness.

Let our hearts be glad, our spirits rejoice,

and our bodies rest in hope,

for you do not abandon us

or let your chosen ones dwell in misery, ...

Moments of Silence

Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, our help is in the name of the Lord who has heard our plea and answered our confession with absolution.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Passing the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

Invitation to Children's church

Giving of our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

Hymn of Preparation 35

IN BETHLEHEM A NEWBORN BOY

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Matthew 2:13-23

Sermon

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Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn 308

O SING A SONG OF BETHLEHEM

Blessing