

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Pre-Teaching: Advent Candle: "The Angel's Candle" (Love)

PRAYER of INVOCATION

1. GOD CALLS

God Calls His People to Worship Him

Call to Worship Scripture Reading: Psalm 95:1-3

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

Church: We lift them up to the Lord!

HYMNS of PRAISE

#238 Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

#227 Angels We Have Heard on High

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended to the grave; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

2. GOD SEPARATES

God Separates by Revealing His Holiness

PRAYER of CONFESSION & ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

Leader: Bless the Lord who forgives our sin.

Church: His mercy endures forever.

HYMN of GRATITUDE

#230 What Child Is This?

3. THE MEANS OF GRACE

God Instructs His People

PRAYER of ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading: Zechariah 2:1-13

New Testament Reading: Ephesians 2:11-22

Sermon Text: Zephaniah 3:14-17

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Church: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"In Our Midst"

HYMN of RESPONSE

#226 Good Christian Men, Rejoice

God Hears His People and Reminds Them of His Covenant

PRAYER of INTERCESSION

HYMN of PREPARATION

#343 The Communion Hymn

THE LORD'S TABLE

Grape juice: purple cups. Red wine: clear cups.

Individual bread elements are gluten-free.

4. THANKSGIVING AND SUCCESSION

God's People Respond

God Blesses and Sends His People into the World with His Message

OFFERING

HYMN of PRAISE:

Doxology

BENEDICTION & SENDING

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the risen Lord Jesus Christ.

Church: Thanks be to God!