

An Order for the Worship of God

December 8, 2024

Ringling of the Bells

Welcome & Announcements - Candle Lighting and Prelude

Lighting of the Advent Candle – Gail Hayek and Mary Kugel

*Please stand, if able

Call to Worship: based on Luke 1 (Liturgist – **Congregation**)

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for you have looked favorably upon your people.

You have raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David.

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us.

To give light to those who sit in darkness and guide our feet into the way of peace.

Let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn: #115, In the Bleak Midwinter, v. 1, 3 & 4

Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

O God, you are a refining fire and a purifying agent. We praise you that in Christ you can make us whole again. We gather to hear his coming announced, and anxiously wait the dawn of your redeeming grace. Fill our mouths with laughter at the prospect of our liberation, and our tongues with shouts of joy at the news of our redemption. You continue to do great things for us, O God. Therefore we come into your presence with singing. For we ask this in the name of our beloved Savior, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray: "Our Father ...(debts/debtors)

New Testament Reading: Philippians 1:3-11830 (1825)

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

*Gloria Patri: #558 (PILGRIM)

Gospel Reading: Luke 3:1-6726 (1593)

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: May the reading and the hearing of Your word inform our minds, comfort our souls, and guide our feet.

Sermon: The Forerunner, John the Baptist

*Responsive Hymn: On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry (insert)

Congregational Prayer

L: Lord, in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer

Call for the Offering

Let us share God's blessings, as we collect our tithes, gifts, and offerings.

*Doxology #562 (Pilgrim)

Offering Prayer:

Lord, the action of this offering is a public sign of our allegiance to you: we proclaim you Lord over our lives, Lord over our families, Lord over our finances, Lord over our future. We give you thanks for all you have given us, and all we have the privilege to give. Use these gifts for the work of your church, we pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Closing Hymn: #128, It Came upon the Midnight Clear, v. 1, 2 & 4

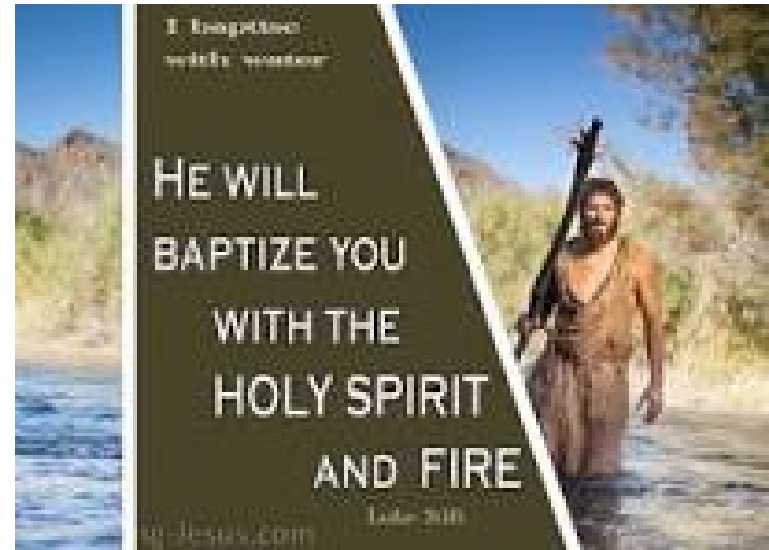
Benediction

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord in the name of Christ. Amen.

*Extinguishing the Candles

Postlude

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