

Gathering

Prelude ~ Carol
Ringling of the Bell
Greetings & Announcements

Hymn **“O Come All Ye Faithful”** **#283**

Litany

Leader: Sing to God something brand new!
People: **For God has done wonderful things!**
Leader: God has not forgotten to love us all!
People: **Even the ends of the earth have heard!**
Leader: Make a joyful noise!
People: **Break forth in song!**
Leader: With strings and horns,
People: **sing praise to the Holy One!**
Leader: With the roaring sea and everything in it!
People: **With all the land and everything in it!**
Leader: The floods clap their hands.
People: **The hills sing for joy.**
Leader: Thank God! God is coming to set everything right:
People: **Justice for everyone, everything fair.**
Leader: Sing to God something brand new!
People: **For God has done wonderful things!**

Prayer of the Day

All: Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness if the true light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus’ presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory. Through your Son, Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Handchimes **“I Heard The Bells On Christmas Day”**

Word

First Reading **Isaiah 9:2-7**

This poem promises deliverance from Assyrian oppression, a hope based on the birth of a royal child with a name full of promise. While Judah’s king will practice justice and righteousness, the real basis for faith lies in God’s passion for the people: The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this!

Olivia Wieland **“Little Drummer Boy”**

Second Reading **Titus 2:11-14**

The appearance of God’s grace in Jesus Christ brings salvation for all humanity. Consequently, in the present we live wisely and justly while also anticipating the hope of our Savior’s final appearance.

Special Music **“Who Comes This Night”**

Children’s Time with Pastor Tom

***Acclamation** **“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”** **#270**

***Gospel** **Luke 2:1-14**

God’s greatest gift comes as a baby in a manger. Angels announce the “good news of great joy” and proclaim God’s blessing of peace.

Sermon **“The Cuban Tree Frog”** **Pr. Tom**

*** Hymn** **“Arise, Your Light Has Come!”** **#314**

Offering **“O Little Town Of Bethlehem”** **Gordon, Ann & Emily**
Offertory **“Away In A Manger”** **#277**

Meal

Words of Institution
Lord’s Prayer **page 145 (right)**

Distribution **“O Holy Night”** **Jason Wieland**