

The liturgical colors are gold & white for joy and festivities

PRELUDE "Fugue and Harmonization on ST. ANNE" J. S. Bach/Hal Hopson
Amy Bender

WELCOME Adrienne Larkin, liturgist

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: Children of God, Jesus Christ is born!

MANY: God has come to make a home among us!

ONE: Yet the story is not over. After birth comes the ordinary and mundane growing, maturing, and discovering, even for the Christ Child.

MANY: In the ordinary and mundane, God has come to make a home among us.

ONE: And sometimes, in the midst of the everyday, something surprising happens, and we discover anew just what God is up to in our midst.

MANY: In the surprising and spectacular, God has come to make a home among us.

ONE: Children of God, let us worship the God who dwells with us in all things and all seasons.

MANY: We come to make our home with God who makes a home among us. Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, June 2024.

***OPENING HYMN** "Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine" UMH 606

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

OPENING PRAYER

O God, Searcher of all our hearts, you have formed us as a people and claimed us for your own. As we come to acknowledge your sovereignty and grace, and to enter anew into covenant with you, reveal any reluctance or falsehood within us. Let your Spirit impress your truth on our inmost being, and receive us in mercy, for the sake of our Mediator, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

(DAVID TRIPP, ENGLAND, 20TH CENT.)

SCRIPTURE 2 Kings 23:1-3, p. 279

BAPTISM Ronin Charles Lai
Son of Michael & Andrea Lai

HYMN "I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry" TFWS 2051

Children are invited to stay in worship or meet in the Narthex to go to Sunday School

**Congregation invited to stand if able*

CAROL SING

SHARING STORIES OF GOD AT WORK THROUGH CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

MENTOR IN MINISTRY

SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

***DOXOLOGY #94**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Lord of Light and Love, we offer these gifts with hearts transformed by the miracle of your son's birth. As the shepherds returned with joy and praise, may these offerings spread your joy and love. Use them to bless those in need, to bring hope and peace, and to further your kingdom here on earth. In this season of Advent, may we continue to glorify and praise you in all we do. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

HYMN OF CENTERING "Love Came Down at Christmas" UMH 242

SCRIPTURE Romans 5:1-5, p. 798

MESSAGE "God with Us Now and in the New Year"
Rev. Tammy Palermo

WESLEY'S COVENANT PRAYER

I am no longer my own, but Yours. Put me to what You will, place me with whom You will. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be put to work for You or set aside for You, praised for You or criticized for You. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and fully surrender all things to Your glory and service. And now, o wonderful and Holy God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, You are mine, and I am Yours. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it also be made in heaven. Amen.

HYMN OF MISSION

""While Shepherds Watched""

UMH 236

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION SUNG RESPONSE** "Go Now In Peace"


**Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.**

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POSTLUDE

"Joy to the World"

Hal Hopson



Altar Flowers are presented by Jo Ann Greiner
In Loving Memory of Husband, Raymond, & My Parents

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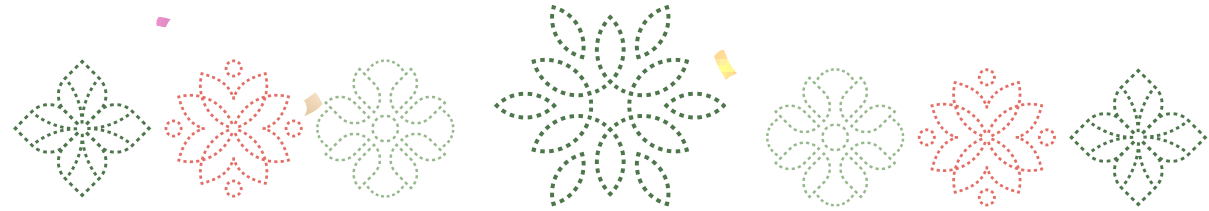
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Traditional Worship

December 29, 2024



God With Us



HAPPY
New Year

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