

Faith Church
Order of Worship: 8:30 am Service
December 22nd, 2024

Liturgist-Tom Snyder

Welcome and Announcements

Proclamation of the Gospel

L: God loves you; therefore, love and obey him.

P: Christ died for us; therefore, we die to sin.

L: Christ is risen; therefore, we rise in the image of God.

P: Christ lives evermore; therefore, we live to God until we live with him in glory.

Prelude

Advent Reading and Candle Lighting

Responsive Reading:

L: Tell out my soul.

P: Tell out!

L: Tell out the love that's in the Lord.

P: The love revealed in the eternal Word.

L: Tell out with one emphatic voice.

P: In Jesus our Savior our hearts rejoice.

Scripture Reading:

L: Hear the Word of God.

P: Our hearts are open.

L: A reading from the Book of John:

L: The Word of God for the people of God.

P: Thanks be to God.

Candle Lighting

Prayer

L: Let us pray...

***Hymn-** UM Hymnal #234, *O Come, All Ye Faithful* (all)

Old Testament Reading: Zephaniah 3:17

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Offering & Offertory

***Doxology and Thanksgiving**

***Statement of Faith-** UM Hymnal #881, *The Apostles' Creed*

***Hymn-** UM Hymnal #218, *It Came upon the Midnight Clear* (all)

Prayer of Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

New Testament Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

***Hymn-** UM Hymnal #219, *What Child Is This* (all)

Sermon: "The Wonder of Revelation"

***Hymn-** UM Hymnal #230, *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (all)

***Benediction**

Postlude