

Mentor United Methodist Church



December 26, 2021
9 AM and 11 AM Traditional Services
First Sunday after Christmas

Prelude

"The First Noel"
Amy Bender, organ

arr. Hal Hopson

Welcome

* Call to Worship

9:00 Dana Ludwig 11:00 Emma Simons, Liturgist

Leader: Let us go, in heart and mind,

People: to see what has come to pass.

Leader: Let us go with the shepherds:

People: Let us go to find the Savior!

Leader: Let us go with the wise ones:

People: Let us go to find God's promise, born for us!

Leader: Let us go with the poor and humble:

People: Let us go to find our King, born in a lowly manger.

Leader: Let us go with all the world, with all the peoples of the nations.

People: Come, let us worship Christ the Lord!

* Hymn 240

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Christmas Promise

The angel said to the shepherds, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ, the Lord".

As we gather we hear again the good news the angels proclaimed: God has come for all people through the birth of the one named Jesus. Through Bethlehem's manger God comes into the chaos, messiness, and vulnerability of the world. In all things and at all times, we rejoice that God comes to save us and reigns in love. We come to adore Jesus who is Savior, Christ, and Lord.

Hymn 238

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Opening Prayer

O God of love, you have blessed us with your very self. Open our eyes to the light of Christ which glows in the darkness of a world separated from you. Speak to us now that we may hear the good news of your salvation. Bring us into the wonder of your presence. Fill us with that light and carry it out with us into our lives. Amen.

Service of Lessons and Carols

Isaiah 9:2-7

Hymn 250

"Once in Royal David's City"

* *Congregation invited to stand if able.*

Luke 1:26-35, 38

Hymn 216 "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Micah 5:2-4

Hymn 230 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Luke 2:1-7

Hymn 217 "Away in a Manger"

Luke 2:8-16

Hymn 220 "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

Matthew 2:1-12

Hymn 219 "What Child is This"

John 1:1-14

Message "God's Grace Embrace" Rev. Barbara Holzhauser

*** Hymn 184** "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

Announcements

Offertory

*** Doxology** UMH 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**

*** Hymn 251** "Go Tell It On The Mountain"

*** 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.**

*** Postlude** "Joy to the World" arr. Hal Hopson