

The Order of Worship

*Let the people be in silent meditation and prayer
upon entering the Sanctuary*

PRELUDE “Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine” ... Darwin Wolford

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

*CALL TO WORSHIP “Now Let the Heavens Be Joyful” Choir and Congregation

“Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth her song begin!

Let the world keep triumph, and all that is therein!

Let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend,

For Christ the Lord is with us, Our joy, our joy, our joy that hath no end.”

*GREETING

Sing praises to the Lord who has done marvelous things.

Let it be known in all the earth.

Shout aloud and sing for joy,

For in our midst is the Holy One of Israel.

[Isaiah 12]

*THE INVOCATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...

*HYMN NO. 196

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 881

“The Apostles Creed”

*THE GLORIA PATRI, Hymnal 70

“*Glory Be to the Father*”

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY “I Wonder As I Wander” ... John Niles

*DOXOLOGY, Hymnal 95 “*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*”

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE ANTHEM “Holy Child” Chancel Choir

*GOSPEL LESSON (NT, Pages 53, 54 Pew Bible) Luke 1:39-45 (46-55)

SERMON “Faith, Finding Stable-Time”

*HYMN NO. 246 “Joy to the World”

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

BENEDICTION “Go Ye Now in Peace” Choir and Congregation

“Go ye now in peace, and know that the love of God will guide you.

Feel his presence here beside you showing you the way.

In your time of trouble, when hurt and despair are there to grieve you,

Know that the Lord will never leave you. He will bring you courage.

Know that the God who sent His Son to die that you might live will never leave you

lost and alone in His beloved world. Go ye now in peace. Go ye now in peace.

*POSTLUDE “Angels From the Realms of Glory” ... Henry Smart

The Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service
will be at 5:00 p.m. on December 24, 2009