

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

OUT OF COURTESY & RESPECT, PLEASE TURN OFF/MUTE
CELL PHONES, AND OTHER DEVICES. THANK YOU!

*Rising together in community, as we are able.

+Music for Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: "We Three Kings" Arranged by John H. Hopkins

Call to Worship

Chalice Lighting

Invocation

*Opening Hymn #245 "Joy to the World"

*Litany: "On This Day, Each of Us Searches for Bethlehem" (insert)

*Congregational Covenant (Unison)

*Love is the spirit of this church and service is its law.
This is our great covenant: to dwell together in peace,
To seek the truth in freedom, and to help one another.*

*Greeting the Holy in Our Midst

Story I: "*The Blessings of a Stuffy Barn*"

Communion of Names and Pastoral Prayer

+ Silence and Musical Meditation

*Hymn of Reflection # 231 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Story II: "*Christmas in the Bathroom!*" by Robert Fulghum

**Offertory: "Ding Dong Merrily On High" Traditional

*Hymn of Gratitude #237 "The First Nowell"

Story III: "*Amazing Peace*" by Maya Angelou

*Closing Hymn # 244 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

*Extinguishing the Chalice (Unison)

*We extinguish this flame but not the light of truth,
the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment:
These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.*

*Benediction

(Please be seated)

Postlude: "Welcome Christmas" by Albert Hague

Fellowship and Refreshments (Founders Hall)

Church Chats (Sermon Discussion) (Sanctuary)

+(After the silence, please feel free to come forward and light a candle)

**Offering: This church is supported by the pledges of our members and friends. The offering provides an additional opportunity for expressing generosity by those attending today's worship.

OUR SHARED MINISTRY THIS MORNING

Worship Leaders: *The Revs. Patrick Price and Jennifer Innis*

Worship Associate: *Cheri Naquin*

Worship Facilitator:

Interim Dir. Relig. Education: *The Rev. Jennifer Innis*

Ushers: *Mark and Victoria Rachel*

Flowers:

Musician: *Amy Dessert*

Membership Representatives: *Pam Reinke Walter*

Audio/Visual Technician: *David West*

Fellowship: *Families whose last name falls between Oliver thru
Reynolds-Gosnell*

Next Sunday – December 31 – "Turnings" – Guest Speaker – Sarah Reiling