

CHRISTMAS BY HEART



December 31, 2023

Gathering Music

Welcome

Opening Carol *Joy to the World* #143 vs. 1

Call to Worship

Leader: We have welcomed the Christ child and declared the glory of the one who comes to live among us.

People: We Prepare to welcome a new year, thankful for how God has brought us through the past year, and anxious to discover what the new year might bring.

Leader: Come, let us worship God, whose love endures from generation to generation, guiding us from one year to the next.

People: Come, let us worship as we celebrate the good news of Jesus's birth.

Opening Prayer

Christmas Reflections

A Story – *The Tale of Three trees* by Angela Elwell Hunt

– Deann Anderson

Christmas Hymn Sing – All First Verse

Away in a Manger

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

What Child is This

Angels, We Have on High

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

The First Noel

Morning Prayer

Special Music

Jubilate Ringers: *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

-arr. Douglas Wagner

Communion Carol

Silent Night, Holy Night #145 vs. 1

Lord's Supper

Offering and Doxology (Tune: O Tannenbaum)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, from every generation.

Praise God all creatures here below, who gives to us salvation.

Praise God above ye heavenly hosts,

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Let all creation praise the Lord, with love and adoration.

Benediction

Response

Go, Tell it On the Mountain #167 vs. 3

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;

go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,

and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

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