



Christmas by Heart

January 1, 2023

We Gather in God's Name

Gathering Music

Welcome

Opening Carol

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing vs. 1

Call to Worship

Leader: The good news is that Unto us a Child has been born, unto us a Son is given. And his Name is Wonderful Counselor, Almighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

In response to this amazing gift, we...

People: Sing for the light has come!
Sing for the world is made new!
Sing, for our God is among us!
Sing, with a joy newborn.

Sharing the Blessings of the Season

Opening Prayer

We Hear the Good News

Scripture: Luke 2:8-19

Message: Pondering in our Hearts

What Child is This? 1st vs.

The Christmas Song

O Little Town of Bethlehem 1st vs.

Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer

We Three Kings 1st vs.

Joy to the World 1st vs.

O Come, All Ye Faithful 3rd vs.

We Respond to the Good News

Carol of Commitment: *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!*
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice
With heart and soul and voice
Listen now to what we say: News! News! Jesus Christ is born
today!
Ox and ass before him bow and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Morning Prayer

Special Music *Brightest and Best* Mason Fitch/Alicia Johnston

Communion Carol *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming
From tender stem hath sprung
Of Jesse's lineage coming
By faithful prophet's sung
It came a flow'ret bright
Amid the cold of winter, when half-spent was the night.

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.

We are Sent Out to be the Good News

Benediction

Response *Away in a Manger* vs. 3

Be near me Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.