**An Afternoon of Carols and Worship**

WELCOME

PSALM 96:9….”O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;

 let the whole earth stand in awe of Him.”

\***HYMN #12, verses 1—3. O Come, All Ye Faithful**

RESPONSIVE PRAYER:

 *Minister:* Let us pray. O Lord, show Thy mercy upon us…

 *Answer:* And grant us Thy salvation.

 *Minister:* O Lord, save Thy people…

 *Answer:*  And bless Thine inheritance.

 *Minister:*  O God, make clean our hearts within us...

 *Answer:* And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us. AMEN

**HYMN #2 O Come, O Come Emmanuel Verses 1—2 *Sung by all.***

 **Verse 3 *Men***

**Verse 4 *Ladies***

**Verses 5-6 *Sung by all.***

READING #1 (Read by Sue Krall, Senior Warden): Genesis 3: 13—15. “ The Lord God said to the woman, ’What is this that thou hast done?’ And the woman said, ‘The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.’ And the Lord God said unto the serpent, ‘Because thou hast done this thou are cursed…And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her Seed; and it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.’”

 Galatians 4: 4-5. But when the fulness of time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

 **HYMN # 27 Hark, the Herald Angels Sing**

READING #2 (Read by Todd Allerton, Trail Life Troop Ministry Liaison): Genesis 12: 1 –3. “ Now the Lord had said unto Abraham…’I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing…and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed’”

 Luke 2: 25—32. “And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Ghost was upon him. And it was revealed unto hum by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. And he came by the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him after the custom of the law, then he took Him up in his arms and blessed God, and said, ‘Lord, now lettest Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word. For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people: a Light to lighten the Gentiles, and the Glory of Thy people Israel,

**HYMN #50 Saw You Never in the Twilight**

READING #3(Read by Laurie McDonagh, Junior Warden): Micah 5:2 “But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall come forth unto me that is to be Ruler in Israel, whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.

 Luke 2: 4—7 “And Joseph went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, unto Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was that the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.”

**HYMN #21 O Little Town of Bethlehem, Verses 1 and 3**

READING #4 (Read by Michael Cain, Licensed Lay Reader): Isaiah 7:14 “Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear s son, and shall name Him Immanuel—that is, ‘God with us’”

 Matthew 1:18-21, 25. Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: when His mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make a public example, was minded to put her away privily. But…the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying ‘…fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His Name JESUS; for he shall save His people from their sins…. And [ Joseph ] knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son, and called His Name JESUS.

**HYMN #36 What Child Is This**

READING #5 (Read by Fr. Brandon Cribbs, Priest-in-Charge): Luke 2:8—14. “And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the fields, keeping watch over their flocks by night. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, ‘Fear not; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: you shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, and lying in a manger.’ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying ,’Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men’. “

**\*HYMN #33 Silent Night, Holy Night**

The Final Gospel: John 1:1—5, 9-14, 16-18. “In the beginning was the Word. And the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made be Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made. In Him was life; that the life was the Light of men. And the Light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. That was the true Light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world .He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not. He came unto His own and His own received Him not.But as many as received Him, to them He gave power to become the sons of God, to them that believed on His Name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld Hid glory, the glory of the only begotten of the Father) full of grace and truth. And of His fulness we have received, and grace for grace. For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.”

**\*HYMN #319 Joy to the World (traditional tune)**

PRAYER: O God, from Whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all good works do proceed;

 Give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give;

 That our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments,

 And also that by Thee, we may be defended from the fear of our enemies.

 Lighten our darkness, we beseech Thee, dear Lord;

 And by Thy great mercies defend us from the perils and dangers of this night.

 For the love of Thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

 Make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of Thine only Son Jesus Christ.

 Grant that as we joyfully receive Him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure

 Confidence behold Him when He shall come to be our Judge,

 Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

 AMEN.

BENEDICTION.