

WE ARE GATHERED

SONG- **NOEL**

Worship Song – **ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY**

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS (*pastor front center*)

-
- _____
-
- WL: Last Announcement: Let us stand, turn to our neighbor and say hello.

WL: Please join me in prayer ... **<PAUSE>**

WL: Lord, be with us this day as we commit ourselves to being your disciples. Help us to face the future unafraid, trusting in your loving care and presence with us. We pray this in Jesus' name. AMEN.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: God is forgiving and gracious.

Join with me in your hearts for this time of confession.

ALL: We confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers and human authority alone, and we grow fearful. We cling to false comforts, and we turn away from our neighbors. We plead: come to us, bring your mercy to birth in us.

P: Friends, God's spirit embraces us with forgiveness and grace. In the name of Jesus, your sins are forgiven. Amen.

Worship Song – **CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT**

*During the Litany, the family lights **FOUR** candle/s on the Advent wreath.*

WL: We light the candle of Peace and all the candles of Advent.

ALL: Christ is the Prince of Peace. In him God reconciles us to Godself and calls us into the work of reconciliation.

WL: Prince of Peace, break the powers of violence and fear and make us instruments of your reconciliation. Amen.

AWL reprise – CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

P: The congregation may be seated.

WE ARE TRANSFORMED

Children's Message

Word –

Matthew 1:18-25 *NRSVue*

Introduction:

Peace is more than the absence of conflict—it is the presence of God with us. Isaiah promises a child who will be called Immanuel. In Matthew's Gospel, Joseph chooses peace by trusting God's plan. As we light the candle of peace and prepare for Christ's birth, we are called to be peacemakers—those who bring healing, hope, and unity to a divided world.

P: ¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be pregnant from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their

sins.”²² All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³ “Look, the virgin shall become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.”²⁴ When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife²⁵ but had no marital relations with her until she had given birth to a son, and he named him Jesus.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON – Katie

SERMON RESPONSE – GLORY (LET THERE BE PEACE)

After each petition, please respond with:

P: God of peace,

ALL: receive our prayer

Offering

WL: You may be seated.

- We take a moment to offer our thanks to God.
- I invite you to use the gratitude card in your bulletin.
- Place it in the offering plate your gratitude card along with any offering. You can also make an offering electronically.

Would the ushers please come forward.

Offering Song- EMMANUEL (Feat. Ryan Kennedy)

Communion

P: WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,
and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat;
this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again,
after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the
forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

P: Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

P: You may be seated. Please follow the direction of the ushers to come forward.
There is gluten free bread and juice available upon request. The table is set
and all are welcome. (optional) Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Distribution – WE HAVE A SAVIOUR

Post communion prayer:

P: Most High God,
you have come among us at this table.
By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word,
sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all,
through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.

All: Amen.

WE ARE SENT

Sending & Blessing

WL:

ALL: AMEN.

Sending Song – GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

Dismissal

WL: Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior.

ALL: Thanks be to God!