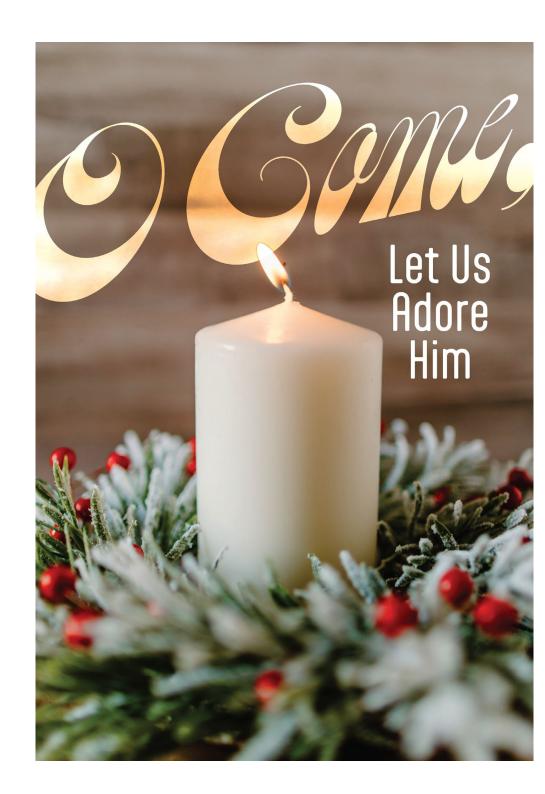


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Order of Worship				
Striving to be what Christ tells us through Scripture.				
December 29, 2024		10:00 A.M.		
PRELUDE	<i>"In the Bleak Midwinter"</i> Amy Duran, piano	arr. Mary McDonald		
WELCOME				
Our Approach to God				
CALL TO WOR Leader: People: Leader: People: Leader: People:	 ways. People: You will eat the fruit of the labor of your hands; you shall be happy, and it shall go well with you. Leader: Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table. People: Thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord. Leader: The Lord bless you from Zion. May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life. 			
*HYMN	"Once in Royal David's City"	#286		
CHILDREN'S MOMENT		Pastor Waldis		
PASSING OF THE PEACE				
The Word of God				
*HYMN	"Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming	r" #255		
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION				
SCRIPTURE	1 Samuel 3:17-21 Luke 2:39-52 Elizabeth Dahlberg-Lee, liturgist	p. 247 (OT) p. 59 (NT) t		
SERMON	"Growing Up"	Pastor Waldis		
PRAYER FOR	BLESSING ON THE WORD			

Our Response to God				
OFFERTORY				
*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER				
JOYS, THANKS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION				
THE GENERAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER				
*HYMN	"How Great Our Joy!"	#269		
BENEDICTION				
POSTLUDE	"Go Tell It on the Mountain" Amy Duran, piano	arr. Mark Kellner		

PRAYER CONCERNS: Anonymous; Lynn Baker; DeAnna and Roger Carman; Ernie Hepperle; Janet Kosack; Nancy Lanzalotto; Charles Moorman; Ed Serrano; Craig Terjanian; Barry Wood.

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WE ARE SADDENED by the passing of our dear friend, Wini Kinkele, on Tuesday, December 24. The immediate arrangements are private with a memorial service being planned in the spring. Please keep Wini's nieces and sisters-in-law in your prayers.

UNITY PRAYER: God, we pray that as we graciously enter the new year after celebrating the birth of Christ, may more people come to know Christ as their Lord and Savior.

THE 2025 FLOWER CALENDAR IS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD. Sign up to donate flowers for worship to memorialize a loved one or celebrate an occasion. The cost is \$25 per bouquet; make your checks payable to Guild for Christian Service; fill out a dedication slip; place it on Lori's desk in the church office. <u>Please--no more than 2 bouquets</u> <u>per Sunday.</u> **OUR JANUARY WOMEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST** will take place on Saturday, January 4 at 9:30 AM. We will join together for our breakfast at 9:30 in Founders Hall, and then we will hear our speaker share her faith journey with us. We hope that you will mark your calendar now for the breakfast! What a good way to begin your spiritual journey for the new year!

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