

As we sing the next carol, the offering is taken.

SOF489 SEE AMID THE WINTER SNOW

Christmas Prayer

**Lord Jesus Christ,
your birth at Bethlehem
draws us to kneel in wonder
at heaven touching earth:
accept our heartfelt praise
as we worship you,
our Saviour and our eternal God.
Amen.**

Blessing

May the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the perseverance of the wise men,
the obedience of Joseph and Mary,
and the peace of the Christ-child
be yours this Christmas;
and the blessing

Amen

SOF408 O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ, Amen.



Christmas Celebration

Welcome and Notices

Merry Christmas, welcome to worship! Please take a few minutes to greet the people who are seated near you. Why not introduce yourselves if you do not already know each other.

SOF243 IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER

Lighting the Advent Candles

The red candles are relit.

On this day of days we remember, Jesus, the light of the world,
the lamb of God who is come into the world!

The central candle is lit and then we pray:

People of God: shout and sing!
Tell the good news of peace on earth.
Lord, bring us today into Christ's peace.
All God's people shout:
Amen!

Angels dance and the bright star shines.
All creation bows to the Lord of all.
Lord, bring us today into Christ's light.
All God's people shout:
Amen!

One with us, yet born to save,
He will show us the way to God.
Lord, bring us today into Christ's love.
All God's people shout:
Amen!

People of God: shout and sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Amen.

SOF420 O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

BETHLEHEMIAN RHAPSODY

Reading: Luke 2:1-20 (Elaine Flint)

Talk

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Affirmation Of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God:
**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.
We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Prayers (Geoff and Joy Dawe)

The 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.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen**