

Celebration of Carols
 Christmas Day
 December 25, 2022
 Message: God Bless Us Everyone

Gathering Music *Glory (Let There Be Peace)* Praise Band

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Threshold Moment

Pastor: Christmas Day has arrived! The Christ Child is born and we, as the Body of Christ, are reborn with him. Our very essence is peace, hope, love, and joy. How will we live this out? All season long we have been living with Dickens' Christmas Carol story. On Christmas Day, after a very busy night, Ebenezer Scrooge could not contain his exuberance at being given the gift of living—truly living—another day. On this day of gift-giving, how will our lives continue to be a gift and a blessing for the sake of “everyone?”

**Come together, one and all, in the giving spirit.
 Gifts abound here, great and small, joyously we feel it.
 Blessings sent us from above guide us on our way.
 We raise our voice as we rejoice, bow our head and pray.
 A miracle has just begun. God bless us everyone!**

Prayer:

Holy One, we give You thanks
 for we are blessed by Your presence among us
 in Your Son Jesus Christ.
 In Him, You have entered our lives
 and all are blessed with Your peace, hope, love, and joy.
 May Christ's light burn bright among us.

**To the voices no one hears, we have come to find you
 with your laughter and your tears, goodness, hope and virtue.
 Fam'ly, parents, children, friends; each a treasure be.
 Christ's light dispels the night; now our eyes can see.
 Burning brighter than the sun, God bless us everyone!**

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Pat Hobbs

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*Carol

Hark the Herald Angels Sing / King of Heaven

Children's Moment

Prayers of the People

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
 Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,
 On earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread
 And forgive us our trespasses
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation,
 But deliver us from evil.
 For Thine is the kingdom,
 and the power and the glory. Forever. AMEN.**

Offering Song

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

Praise Band

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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The Good News

Readers: Bruce Bartolain and Sam Patricola

In Bethlehem

Carol

O Little Town of Bethlehem

In the Fields

Carol

What Child is This

Then There Was Mary

Carol

Mary Did You Know

The Power of Christmas

Carol

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

Into Every heart

Carol

Hymn of Joy

God Bless Us Every One!

*Closing Carol

Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)

*Benediction

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Postlude

Glory (Reprise)

Praise Band