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PRELUDE: “*Oh Worship the King*”, LyonsRoy Campbell

WORDS OF WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT: “*Come Christians, Join to Sing*”

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL WORSHIP (all):

Reader: Today Christians around the world begin celebrating the advent of Jesus.

People: **We gather as people of hope.**

Reader: We wait in anticipation of a miracle that has been repeated for hundreds of years, and yet astounds us anew each year.

People: **Our hope springs anew from this ancient vision.**

Reader: We receive the promise of the Christ child and therefore, in the midst of the darkness and imperfection, we hope.

People: **We gather expectantly and joyfully with a deep commitment. We have heard the good news, that a special child has come, and that God is among us. We look toward a new creation.**

Reader: Come, let us worship as we rejoice in the Good News.

***HYMN OF PRAISE # 92 “*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*”**

*O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

*O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice!
Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

*O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things, far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show, and cause us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

*O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace. Rejoice!
Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

INVOCATION (all)

Loving God, help us to rightly remember the birth of Jesus that we may share in the song of the angels the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the Wise Men. Give us the courage needed to close doors of hate and open doors of love wherever we go. Let kindness come with every gift, and good desire with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessings that Christ brings and teach us to be loving and kind for His sake. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SILENT PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (all)

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.

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

ANTHEM: *"Gloria In Excelsis Deo"*, Perry..... Choir

THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament: Isaiah 35:1-10

New Testament: Luke 2: 1-14

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

***HYMN OF REFLECTION #267 "Morning Has Broken"**

*Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!*

*Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.*

*Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!*

SERMON: "Restoration and Wholeness"Rev. Dr. Paul R. Adkins

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTORAL PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory: *"Help Us Help Each Other"*, J. Beck.....Roy Campbell

Doxology

*Praise God from who all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***CLOSING HYMN # 89 "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"**

*Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in Thee.*

*Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art:
Dear desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.*

*Born Thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king,
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne. Amen.*

***BENEDICTION**

***CHOIR AMEN**

***POSTLUDE:** *"I Love to Tell the Story.* G. Fisher.....Roy Campbell

*Please Stand if you are able