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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *In Dulci Jubilo*

Call to Worship

There is good news of great joy for all!
Our Savior is born: the Messiah, the Lord.
I will proclaim the gracious deeds of God;
The steadfast love of the Lord is great.

*Gathering Song *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* 143

*Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
You; who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!*

*Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant light:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the newborn king!*

*Sages, leave your contemplations; brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great desire of nations; you have seen his natal star:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the newborn king!*

*All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,
Ever more your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!*

*Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored the dignity of human nature. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of Jesus Christ who came to share our humanity, and who now lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Installation of Ruling Elders and Deacons

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

We Listen for God's Word

Scripture.	Isaiah 63: 7-9	Pew Bible, Page 530
Anthem	<i>He is Born, this Child Divine</i>	Chancel Choir
Scripture	Matthew 2:13-23	Pew Bible, Page 682
Message	After Christmas	Rev. Edward Dunn
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We Respond to God's Word

*Responding Song *Everlasting God*

*Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord,
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord (sing twice)*

Our God, you reign forever; our hope, our strong deliverer.

*You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God
You do not faint you won't grow weary.
You're the defender of the weak, you comfort those in need.
You lift us up on wings like eagles.*

Prayers of the People

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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever.
Amen

Receiving our Offering

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

Prayer of Dedication

*Sending Song *Joy to the World*

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Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;

*Let every heart prepare him room and heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing, and heave, and heaven and nature sing.*

*Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

*No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.*

*Blessing

Postlude