

## *Christ Church*

### **Prelude**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle** – The Kletzing Family

**Call to Worship:** Luke 2:1-20

**\*Hymn of Adoration:** 185 *“Away in a Manger”*

### **Call to Confession:**

P: Christ is with us!

**C: He is with us indeed!**

P: In joy and contrition we come before God.

Let us confess our sins

### **Prayer of Confession** (unison)

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But You, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those, O God, who confess their sins. Restore those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.

### **Have Mercy:**

Have mercy on us. Have mercy on us.

Oh Lord, have mercy. Oh Lord, have mercy.

Oh, help my unbelief. Oh, help my unbelief.

Oh Lord, have mercy. Oh Lord, have mercy.

**Assurance of Pardon:** Listen to the comforting assurance of the grace of God, promised in the Gospel to all that repent and believe: As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. Amen.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**Gloria Patri** (Hymnal page 142)

**Collect of the Day:** (unison) Almighty God, who has given us Your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon Himself, coming into the world as a baby, born of a virgin, grant that we who have been born again and adopted as Your own children by grace may daily be filled by Your Holy Spirit that we might be renewed in the image of our Savior. We pray through the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

**\*Old Testament Lesson:** *Genesis 3:14-19* (page 5)

**\*Epistle Lesson:** *Philippians 2:5-8* (page 1043)

**\*Gospel Lesson:** *Matthew 1:18-25* (page 849)

**\*The Nicene Creed** (Hymnal page 138)

### **Presentation of Gifts and Offerings**

**Offertory** *“Because of Bethlehem”*

**\*Doxology** (Hymnal page 382)

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Sermon:** *Amazing Love*

**\*Hymn of Preparation:** 180 *“What Child Is This, Who, Laid to Rest?”*

**Epistle Lesson:** *1 Corinthians 11:23-26* (page 1020)

**Holy Communion** – Pastor John

**Lord’s Prayer:** (unison) Our Father, which 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.

### **Candlelight Service**

**Hymn:** *“Silent Night”* & *“O Little Town of Bethlehem”* (insert)

**\*Benediction & Threefold Amen**

**\*Postlude**