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## PRELUDE

## OPENING PRAYER

## LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES

### **HYMN**    “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

UMH# 211 (7&1)

7 O come, O King of nations, bind  
in one the hearts of all mankind.  
Bid all our sad divisions cease  
and be yourself our King of Peace.

1 O come, O come, Immanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear

**Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice!**  
**Immanuel. Shall come to you O**  
**Israel!**

**Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice!**  
**Immanuel. Shall come to you**  
**O Israel!**

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **HYMN**    “It Came Upon A Midnight Clear”

UMH#234

1. It came upon the midnight clear,  
that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth  
to touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, good will to  
men, from heaven's all-gracious  
King." The world in solemn stillness  
lay, to hear the angels sing.

3. And ye, beneath life's crushing  
load,  
whose forms are bending low,  
who toil along the climbing way  
with painful steps and slow,  
look now! for glad and golden  
hours come swiftly on the wing.  
O rest beside the weary road,  
and hear the angels sing!

4. For lo! the days are hastening on,  
by prophet seen of old,  
when with the ever-circling years  
shall come the time foretold  
when peace shall over all the earth  
its ancient splendors fling,  
and the whole world send back the  
song  
which now the angels sing.

2. Still through the cloven skies  
they come  
with peaceful wings unfurled,  
and still their heavenly music floats  
o'er all the weary world;  
above its sad and lowly plains,

## SPECIAL MUSIC



Use your phone camera to scan  
this QR code to use our Vanco  
app to give and to communicate  
with our Ramsey Family  
**INVITE CODE: 7HEAYP**



## SCRIPTURE

### Luke 1:46-55 (NRSV)

<sup>46</sup> And Mary<sup>b</sup> said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord,  
<sup>47</sup> and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
<sup>48</sup> for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.  
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;  
<sup>49</sup> for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.  
<sup>50</sup> His mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.  
<sup>51</sup> He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.  
<sup>52</sup> He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
and lifted up the lowly;  
<sup>53</sup> he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.  
<sup>54</sup> He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,  
<sup>55</sup> according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

### Luke 1:46-55 (NLT)

<sup>46</sup> Mary responded,

“Oh, how my soul praises the Lord.  
<sup>47</sup> How my spirit rejoices in God my Savior!  
<sup>48</sup> For he took notice of his lowly servant girl,  
and from now on all generations will call me blessed.  
<sup>49</sup> For the Mighty One is holy,  
and he has done great things for me.  
<sup>50</sup> He shows mercy from generation to generation  
to all who fear him.  
<sup>51</sup> His mighty arm has done tremendous things!  
He has scattered the proud and haughty ones.  
<sup>52</sup> He has brought down princes from their thrones  
and exalted the humble.  
<sup>53</sup> He has filled the hungry with good things  
and sent the rich away with empty hands.  
<sup>54</sup> He has helped his servant Israel  
and remembered to be merciful.  
<sup>55</sup> For he made this promise to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and his children forever.”

## SERMON

### “A Song of Praise”

*Rev. Claudia Stallings*

## PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER

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 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, for  
ever.  
Amen.

## CONSECRATING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

### DOXOLOGY

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

### CHRISTMAS CANTATA

**The King is Born** *By Craig Adams*

Presented by Ramsey Ensemble

The King Is Born Opening Celebration (The First Noel),

Advent Hymn

Night of Glory

Candlelight Carol Medley includes The First Noel; Away in a Manger, What Child Is This and

Silent Night, Holy Night.

This Is Jesus

### HYMN

*"Angels We Have Heard on High"*

UMH# 218

1 Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.

**Refrain:**  
**Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**  
**Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?

**(Refrain)**

3 Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing; come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

**(Refrain)**

4 See him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise; Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.

**(Refrain)**

### DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

#### Prayer Requests

Matt Amason  
Lois Crafton  
Lucille Lane Bean  
Rev. Tom Brown  
Emily Bucknam  
Peggy Burch  
Donna Campbell  
Erica  
Jimmie Early

Mitch Early  
Sandy Gentry  
Elnora Holmes  
Nancy Hulon  
Joanne Jenkins  
Brittany Johnson  
Maureen  
Debbie Mullins

Frances Nunnally  
Frances Owen  
David Pittman  
Sara Katherine Reid  
Amy Salley  
Darlene Thomas  
Iris Ward  
Shirley Wiegand

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **CHURCH ADVENT STUDY**

“Awaiting the Already: An Advent Journey Through the Gospels”

Today December 19 at 9:00am in the Ramsey Sanctuary.

- **CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE**

Friday, December 24

Church Sanctuary

Spanish at 5:30pm

English at 7:30pm

Come and bring a friend or family member.

- **LIVING NATIVITY**

It's that time of year!

Ramsey will be presenting both Bethlehem and Living Nativity from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

(on the following nights) :

**Wednesday, December 22nd (Bethlehem and nativity)**

**Thursday, December 23rd (Bethlehem and nativity)**

**Friday, December 24th (nativity only)**

Make the Living Nativity part of your Christmas celebration this year and please invite others to join you!

\*Lots of help is needed with the Bethlehem and Living Nativity so anyone who is

interested please contact Tammy Howe ([2razoo@gmail.com](mailto:2razoo@gmail.com)) or Debbie Garrett ([dsgarrett08@comcast.net](mailto:dsgarrett08@comcast.net))

- **2022 CHURCH ENVELOPES**

The 2022 church envelopes are on a table near the elevator on first floor for you to pick up today. If you see one for your neighbor, please pick it up and deliver to them to save us postage. Thank you.