

■ **call to worship** | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

*Zechariah 9:9*

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation is he,

humble and mounted on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

■ **prayer of adoration**

■ **song of praise**

**The First Noel (Born Is the King)**

The first Noel—earth and heaven embraced

As a virgin beheld her new born babe

From realms on high to a manger on earth

Salvation had dawned in a lowly birth

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel*

*Born is the King of Israel*

The Son of God—in kindness He came

As a friend to the hopeless, the lost, and the lame

Our sins He bore yet His name we despised

And the hands that brought healing were pierced as

He died

The Author of Life—there lifeless He lay

As the grave cast its shadow and darkness reigned

Then out of death broke forth a great light

As He rose up in victory—the glorious Christ

Now let us all with one accord

Bring praises to our King

All glory, power, and honor be

Forever unto Him

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■ **lighting the candle of joy** | *the Hudgins family*

## ■ scripture reading

*John 1:1-18*

### **The Word Became Flesh**

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

<sup>9</sup>The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to his own, and his own

people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup>(John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup>For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

## ■ congregational prayer

## ■ offertory prayer | *Deacon Jim Klinger*

## ■ presentation of tithes and offerings

## ■ sermon scripture reading

Galatians 4:4-7

<sup>4</sup>But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup>And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

## ■ sermon | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor "The Gift of the Spirit"

## ■ song of response

### Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry  
In the dawning of the King  
He the theme of heaven's praises  
Robed in frail humanity  
In our longing in our darkness  
Now the light of life has come  
Look to Christ who condescended  
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry  
He the perfect Son of Man  
In His living in His suff'ring  
Never trace nor stain of sin  
See the true and better Adam  
Come to save the hell-bound man  
Christ the great and sure fulfillment  
Of the law in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry  
Christ the Lord upon the tree  
In the stead of ruined sinners  
Hangs the Lamb in victory  
See the price of our redemption  
See the Father's plan unfold  
Bringing many sons to glory  
Grace unmeasured love untold

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry  
Slain by death the God of life  
But no grave could e'er restrain Him  
Praise the Lord He is alive  
What a foretaste of deliv'rance  
How unwavering our hope  
Christ in power resurrected  
As we will be when He comes

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## ■ benediction

## ■ announcements

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