

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

1 John 3:1

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

■ **prayer of adoration**

■ **song of praise**

O Come All Ye Faithful

O come all ye faithful
Joyful and triumphant
O come ye—o come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him
Born the King of Angels

Sing choirs of angels
Sing in exultation
Sing all ye citizens of Heaven above
Glory to God
Glory in the highest

O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

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■ **lighting the candle of love** | *the Kodjo family*

■ scripture reading

Matthew 1:18-25

The Birth of Jesus Christ

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²²All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

²³"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel"

(which means, God with us). ²⁴When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

■ congregational prayer

■ offertory prayer | *Adam LeRoy, Director of Youth Ministries*

■ presentation of tithes and offerings

■ sermon scripture reading

Galatians 4:4-7

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

■ **sermon** | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

“Our Spiritual Inheritance”

■ song of response

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn king
Peace on earth and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled
Joyful all ye nations rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With angelic hosts proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn king

Christ by highest heaven adored
Christ the everlasting Lord
Late in time behold him come
Offspring of the virgin’s womb
Veiled in flesh the godhead see
Hail the incarnate deity
Pleased as man with man to dwell
Jesus our Emmanuel
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn king

Hail the heaven born prince of peace
Hail the son of righteousness
Light and life to all he brings
Risen with healing in his wings
Mild he lay his glory by
Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the songs of earth
Born to give them second birth
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn king

Hark—can you hear the angels

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■ benediction

■ announcements

