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CHRISTMAS DAY

December 25, 2021

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements

Call to Worship

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HYMN 269: "Once in Royal David's City"

Greeting

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Prayer of the Day:

All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

WORD

First Lesson: Isaiah 62:6-12

Psalm Hymn 283: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Second Lesson: Titus 3:4-7

Gospel: Luke 2: 1-20

Sermon

HYMN 289: "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Prayers of Intercession

Sharing the Peace

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MEAL

Offertory Prayer

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Distribution of Holy Communion

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SENDING

Blessing

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HYMN 275: "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

Dismissal

Postlude

On this Christmas morning the people of God gather to celebrate the birth of the Word made flesh, Christ our Lord. The meaning of Christmas is made clear: the light shines in the darkness. **To all who join us for worship this Christmas morning, sincere and warm good wishes. God bless you, one and all!**

All people of faith and those who seek faith are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion at the Lord's Table. Non-communing children will receive a blessing. If you wish communion but are unable to come forward, please inform the usher and Pastor Jeff will come to your pew.

Your special "Christmas Offerings" have been designated to support the work of the Kiwanis CJCS Christmas Basket Fund and Zion's Current Fund. Thank you for your gifts.



MERRY CHRISTMAS!!



**MAY YOU ENJOY A
SAFE & HEALTHY HOLIDAY SEASON!!**



A CHILD IS BORN