

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

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Announcements

Offertory Anthem: "I Hear A Mother Singing
Rocking Slow And Even"

Pepper Chopin

*Response: "Doxology"

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*Affirmation of Faith: "The Apostles' Creed"

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WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

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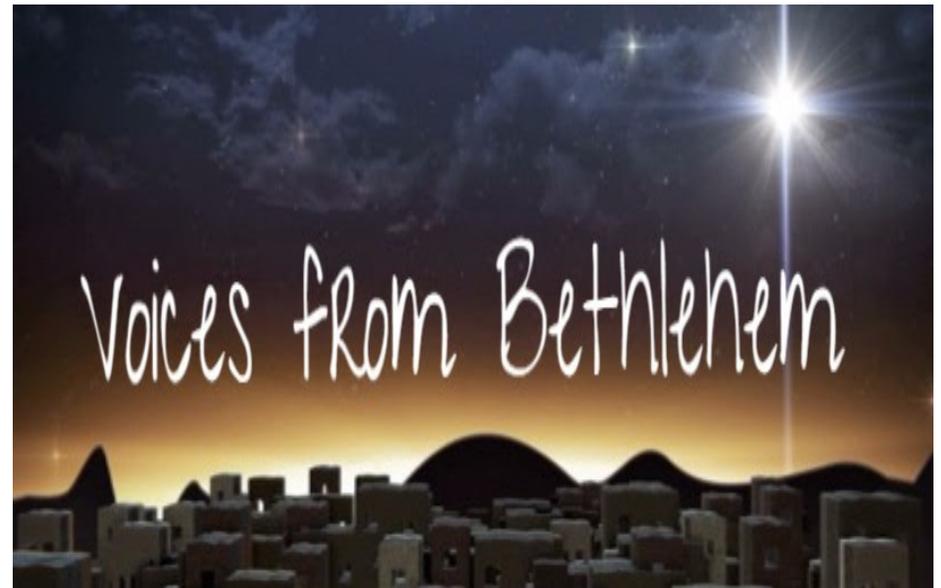
*Benediction

*Choral Response: "Gloria In Excelsis Deo"

*Postlude

Sanctuary flowers are given by Anna McLaughlin in memory of her husband, John R. McLaughlin. Last Sunday, Sanctuary flowers were given by Anna McLaughlin. Refreshments were provided by Rick Winton.

The Sacrament of Baptism is being administered to Gavin Sanders born June 18, 2009, Christopher Sanders born July 27, 2012, Roderick Judson Gates born October 3, 2014. Children of Greg & Ali Gates.



December 17, 2017
Third Sunday in Advent

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

An asterisk indicates places where the congregation should stand, as able. **Bold text indicates words spoken together in unison.*

Prelude

Chiming of the Hour *WESTMINSTER*

Lighting of the Advent Candles
Greg & Ali Gates, Gavin, Chris & R.J.

Welcome & Opening Prayer

*Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" *Hymnal #88*

*Prayer of Confession

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Words of Forgiveness & Passing of the Peace

You are invited to turn and greet your neighbors, saying "May the peace of Christ be with you."

*Response: "Glory Be to the Father" *Hymnal #581*

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

*Gavin Sanders
Christopher Sanders
Roderick Judson Gates*

Anthem: "Listen To The Story"

Pepper Chopin

Listen to the story, hear the story of his birth. Listen, God is coming. God is coming to the Earth. Listen, hear the story told so many times before. Listen and be open. We are open. We are open to the lord.

For unto us a child is born, for unto us a son is given for all. For unto us a son is given for unto us a child is born to all. His government shall be upon his shoulders. He is called Emmanuel. God is with us, God is with us.

Ready, make ready for the blessed things in store. Ready, come make ready for the coming of the lord.

For unto us a child is born, for unto us a son is given for all. For unto us a son is given for unto us a child is born to all. His government shall be upon his shoulders.

Come and listen to God's holy word. God is speaking, open hearts are stirred. Come prepare to celebrate, ready we anticipate glorious things to come.

Listen, come and listen to the story like you've never heard before. Listen to the story of the coming of the Lord. Joy to the world, joy to the world. Get ready, the lord will come!

Scripture Readings: Micah 5:2-5a

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Sermon: "Voices from Bethlehem: The Peaceful City" *Rev. Locke*