

## **SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who 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 forever! Amen!

### **OFFERING WITH OFFERTORY**

#### **† DOXOLOGY**

#94 in hymnal

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

#### **† CLOSING HYMN**

#238 in hymnal

“Angels We Have Heard on High” (vv. 1,3-4)

#### **† BENEDICTION**

#### **† POSTLUDE**



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*Welcome to Christ Church - we're glad you are here! We are a church family that is passionate about knowing Christ and also feel blessed in getting to know each other through worship, times of fellowship, service, and witness. If you're not a member, we invite you to join our church family.*

## PRELUDE

## OPENING PRAYER

## WELCOME AND PASSING THE PEACE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRAISE SONG

"Hope Has a Name"  
*by Kristian Stanfill*

† **OPENING HYMN** "When Morning Gilds the Skies" #185 in hymnal

## LIGHTING THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

One: Jeremiah calls to us, "The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah." Beloved, the days are surely coming when the yearning of the land; the longing of the sun, moon, and stars; the desperate need of the people of earth for flourishing and peace will receive their fulfillment.

**ALL: We choose to watch and wait in hope, preparing our hearts to notice God's grace already at work in our midst. We light this**

† *Please stand in spirit or in body.*

**candle of Hope as a sign of our commitment to pay attention and prepare for the days are surely coming and are already here, the days when God's kingdom of love, justice, and mercy will reign.**

† **GLORIA PATRI** #70 in hymnal

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.

**SPECIAL MUSIC** projected

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** Pam Allen

*The children are invited to come forward as we sing "Jesus Loves Me."*

## SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

† **HYMN OF PRAYER AND PREPARATION** #384 in hymnal

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

*Please feel free to come to the altar rail for prayer.*

## PASTORAL PRAYER

**SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 1:5-20 page 1587 in pew Bible

One: This is the Word of God, for the people of God.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**GOD'S WORD FOR US** Pastor Deb

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**ALL: Holy God, we confess that we are busy with many preparations. We are busy with parties, with feasts, with giving. We are busy cleaning house and wrapping presents. We are busy with the stuff of the holiday. And we confess that our busyness may be misplaced, that we spend more time preparing for things than preparing for You. Draw us back to the center, which is You. Remind us that our hearts and souls have work to do, too. Enable us to let go of that which does not matter, and to see what does matter, You and only You. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**