



Christ is the light that the prophets awaited,
Christ is the lion, the lamb, and the child. Christ
is the love and the mystery and laughter—
candles, make way! Christ is the day.
-From Sing the Story #15

DECEMBER 31, 2017
FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Worship – 10:00 am

GATHERING

PRELUDE Karla Leuenberg, accompanist

WELCOME AND PRAYER Duane Graber, worship leader

*HYMN #212 *O Come, all ye faithful*
Eva Parsons and Ashton Wells, candlelighters

STORYTELLING

CHILDREN'S TIME Leroy Seat

ANTHEM *Sing we now of Christmas* arr. Leavitt

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:25-40

REFLECTIONS Hannah Schrag, Rod Kliewer, Carol Buller

*HYMN #189 *To us a child of hope is born*

COMMUNITY BUILDING

SHARING JOY

We welcome the introduction of guests and visitors during this time. One way we get to know one another is by signing the friendship registers. Once the register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.

SHARING CONCERNS

PRAYING TOGETHER

Slips of paper are available in the attendance register for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. These papers, if put in the offering plate, will be placed in the prayer bowl at the front of the sanctuary.

OFFERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

*HYMN #208

Love came down at Christmas

*SENDING FORTH

L1: When the star in the sky is gone,

L2: When the Kings and Princes are home,

L1: When the shepherds are back with their flocks,

L2: The work of Christmas begins.

All: *To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To teach the nations,
To bring Christ to all,
To make music in the heart.***

*POSTLUDE

* Please stand as you are able.

**Howard Thurman

Unless otherwise indicated, hymns are in the blue *Hymnal: A Worship Book*.

Songs designated "STS" are in the purple *Sing the Story* hymnal.

Now **Here** God

Here is a place for worship reflections. What are you sensing about God in the here and now?
What words, images or questions do you want to take with you into this new week?

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