

Sunday January 12, 2025  
We Gather to Celebrate God's Presence

Welcome  
Family Life and Work  
Family Celebrations  
Lighting of the Christ Candle:  
Acknowledgement of the Land:

Introit: Hope of the Nations

**Jesus hope of the nations  
Jesus comfort for all who mourn  
You are the source of heaven's hope on earth  
Jesus light in the darkness  
Jesus truth in each circumstance  
You are the source of heaven's light on earth**

**In history You lived and died  
You broke the chains You rose to life**

**You are the hope living in us  
You are the rock in whom we trust  
You are the light  
Shining for all the world to see**

**You rose from the dead conquering fear  
Our Prince of Peace drawing us near  
Jesus our hope living for all who will receive  
Lord we believe.**

Opening Hymn: Thy Word

**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path**

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And a light unto my path**

**When I feel afraid,  
Think I've lost my way  
Still, You're there right beside me**

**And nothing will I fear**

**As long as You are near  
Please be near me to the end**

**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path**

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And a light unto my path**

**I will not forget  
Your love from me and yet  
My heart forever is wandering  
Jesus be my guide  
Hold me to Your side  
I will love You to the end.**

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Call to Worship:

Give God the glory! God alone is worthy of our praise!

**God is with us in power and grace!**

All creation joins with one voice in praising God!

**May God give us strength and bless us with peace.**

Prayer of Approach:

**God of grace and glory, you call us with your voice of flame to be your people, faithful and courageous. As your beloved Son embraced his mission through the waters of baptism, inspire us with the fire of your Spirit to join in his transforming work. We ask this in the name of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.**

**Hear us as we offer the words which Jesus taught us to say, Our Father.....**

**Amen**

**The Lord's Prayer (unison)**

**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 for ever and ever. Amen**

First Reading: Isaiah 43: 1-7

Children's Time:

Gospel Reading: Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

Gradual Hymns: Arms of Love

**I sing a simple song of love  
To my Saviour to my Jesus  
I'm grateful for the things you've done  
My loving Saviour, my precious Jesus**

**My heart is glad that you've called me your own  
There's no place I'd rather be**

**In your arms of love  
In your arms of love**

**Holding me still  
Holding me near  
In your arms of love.**

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**In your arms of love.**

There's A New Kid in Town

**We're looking for The King  
The new Messiah  
We're following the star  
Shining brighter**

**Old man won't you help us if you can  
He shook his head  
But he pointed his hand  
There's a new kid in town**

**And he's lying in a manger down the road  
There's a new kid in town  
But he's just another baby I suppose  
Heaven knows**

**There's a new kid in town  
Here in Bethlehem  
I see you've traveled far  
Bearing treasures**

**You say these gifts are for  
The new Kings pleasures  
Well I've heard  
That a King might come**

**But up 'til now there hasn't been one  
There's a new kid in town  
And he's lying in a manger down the road  
There's a new kid in town**

**But he's just another baby I suppose  
Heaven knows  
There's a new kid in town  
Here in Bethlehem**

**There's a new kid in town  
And he's lying in a manger down the road  
There's a new kid in town  
But he's just another baby I suppose**

**Heaven knows  
There's a new kid in town  
Here in Bethlehem**

We Listen

Meditation:

We Respond

Offertory: We Are an Offering

**We lift our voices  
We lift our hands  
We lift our lives up to You  
We are an offering  
Lord use our voices  
Lord use our hands  
Lord use our lives they are Yours  
We are an offering**

Offertory/Prayer of Dedication:

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession:

Closing Hymn: How Great Thou Art

- 1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed.**  
  
**Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!  
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How great thou art! How great thou art!**
- 2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. R**
- 3 But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,**

**that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin. R**

- 4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
and there proclaim, 'My God, how great thou art!' R**

Benedictions and Commissioning

Choral Benediction: A New Commandment

**A new commandment I give unto you  
That you love one another as I have loved you  
That you love one another as I have loved you**

**By this shall all know you are my disciples  
If you have love one for another.  
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