

## ORDER OF SERVICE – 14 DECEMBER, 2025

### Prelude; Welcome and announcements

### LIGHTING THIRD ADVENT CANDLE (JOY)

**Prayer (All):** *Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people for the coming of your Son, inspires the ministers and stewards of your truth to turn our disobedient hearts from sin and to Christ. When he comes again in great power and glory, may we be ready and able to rejoice, confident in him before you. This we humbly ask, our God, assured that your Son is alive, reigning with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

### Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 46)

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| Leader | God is our refuge and strength,<br>an ever-present help in trouble.  |
| Church | <b>The Lord Almighty is with us;<br/>the God of Jacob is our fortress.</b>   |
| Leader | Come and see what the Lord has done  |
| Church | <b>He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;<br/>I will be exalted among the nations,<br/>I will be exalted in the earth."</b> |

### Opening Prayer

### Opening Hymn

**RB#186 - Away in a Manger**

### Prayer of Confession

*Almighty God, Merciful Father; you are all-powerful, all-wise and all-loving. You have made known the mystery of your will, to redeem all who put their trust in Jesus, and to restore all creation to your glory. Forgive us O Lord when we turn our eyes, ears, and hearts away from you. We confess our pride to insist on our own wisdom and ways. Teach us to hate our sins. Open our eyes to behold wondrous things in your promises and commands. Incline our hearts to your Word and Spirit. Satisfy our souls with your everlasting love. We ask humbly in Jesus' name. Amen.*

### Assurance of Pardon

**Leader:** Hear and truly believe in the gospel.

**Church:** *In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.*

### Passing of Peace

**Leader:** May the peace of our Lord be with you.

**Church:** *And also with you.*

## **ADVENT JESSE TREE PRESENTATION**

**Pulpit Hymn      RB#181 – Hark, the Herald Angels Sing**

**Scripture Reading                  Exodus 2:1-10**

**Message                                  The Raising of a Savior**  
Rev Eugene Hor

**Offertory Song    RB#175 – Hark the Glad Sound**

**Doxology & Prayer of Consecration**

**Prayers of the People                  Rev Marvin**

*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 our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
Forever and ever. Amen.*

## **Closing Song      God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen**

**1** God rest you merry, gentlemen,  
let nothing you dismay,  
remember Christ our Savior  
was born on Christmas Day  
to save us all from Satan's pow'r  
when we were gone astray.

### **Refrain:**

O tidings of comfort and joy,  
comfort and joy;  
O tidings of comfort and joy.

**2** From God our heav'nly Father  
a blessed angel came  
and unto certain shepherds  
brought tidings of the same;  
how that in Bethlehem was born  
the Son of God by name. **[Refrain]**

**3** "Fear not," then said the angel,  
"Let nothing you affright;  
this day is born a Savior  
of a pure virgin bright,

to free all those who trust in Him  
from Satan's pow'r and might." **[Refrain]**

## **SERMON NOTES**

**4** Now to the Lord sing praises  
all you within this place,  
and with true love and brotherhood  
each other now embrace;  
this holy tide of Christmas  
all other doth deface. **[Refrain]**

## **RB#180 – What Child is This?**

### **Benediction**

Rev Marvin

### **Dismissal**

**Leader:** Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord in gladness.

**Church:** *We go in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.*

### **Postlude**

**SERMON OUTLINE:** Rev Eugene Hor (Exodus 2:1-10)

**Introduction**

Ex.1:22 ... great darkness falls ... What do you do? What does God do?

**The Birth Of A Levite Son**

**vv.1-2** cf. Num.8:18-19; Ex.5:1; 6:6-8; 32:11-14

**A Son Abandoned Among The Reeds Of The Nile**

**vv.3-4** cf. Acts 17:19-21; Gen.6

basket – ‘ark’

Acts 17:19, 21 ... forcing them to throw out ... when he was thrown out

**A Timely Intervention & Reversal    vv.5-9**

Things could not be worse ... the Hebrew ‘boy’ is found ... vv.5-6

A reversal takes place                    **vv.8-9**

**His Name Is Moses: Drawn Out Of The Water**

**v.10**

**In Moses God Has Raised A Saviour For His People!**

**Ex.14**

A picture of what God has done (Noah) to save, and what God will do to save Israel!

Exodus 14 ... before the sea of ‘reed’ (Red Sea)

**In Jesus God Has Raised A Saviour For Us!**

**cf. Rom.8:31-39**

... just like Moses!

Even in the darkness we can be more than conquerors! ... v.37

There is a son who was given up and abandoned to death for us ... vv.31-32

Even in the darkness I’m loved ... look at the cross!

There is a son who was raised to life and remains powerfully for us ... vv.33-34

Even in the darkness I’m safe in his hands ... look at the empty cross!

*38For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*