

***Sung Response 2157** Come and Fill Our Hearts

English: Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.
Latin: Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo-nus.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al - le - lu - ia!
 Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no, al - le - lu - ia!

***Passing of the Peace**

One: As a forgiven and reconciled people, let us share with one another signs of peace.
 The peace of Christ be with you.
 All: **And also with you**

Hearing the Word Through Song

Waiting (Pepper Choplin) Choir
I Wonder as I Wander (John Jacob Niles) Bill Davis, Cello; Choir
Mary, Did You Know (Mark Lowry) Chuck Stevenson
Coventry Carol Ivy Lee, Piano; Bill Davis, Cello
He Is Born (Arr: Audrey Snyder) Choir
Happy Birthday, Jesus (C. Cumbala) Anna, Hannah & Maria Bond

Responding to the Word

***Christmas Prayer and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; 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

Call for the Offering and Christmas Joy Offering

Offertory: "Allegro from Sonata in E" (Handel arr. by R. Bernard Fitzgerald) Bob Dunkin, trumpet

***Sung Response 4** Creator of the Stars of Night, vs. 4

*To God the Father, God the Son,
 And God the Spirit, Three in One,
 Praise, honor, might, and glory be
 From age to age eternally.*

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***Hymn 41** O Come, All Ye Faithful

***Choral Benediction** *Christmas Joy* (Arr: Lani Smith)

***Benediction Response** refrain of O Come, O Come Emmanuel

*Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel,
 Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

***Postlude**

Ivy Lee

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Please join us downstairs following worship for refreshments and fellowship.

PASTOR: Rev. Bill Davis

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Becky Carlisle

CENTUS COUNSELOR: Georgia Angelo

ACCOMPANIST: Ivy Lee

LAY READERS/ADVENT CANDLELIGHTERS: Rob, Diana and Dorothy Bennett

THE WEEKLY NEWS

December 17, 2017



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