INTROIT – COMBINED CHOIR *(Congregation Standing*

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Congregation Standing)*

Arise, shine; for your light has come! **The glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**
The Lord has arisen upon you,
 **His glory has appeared over you.**
Nations shall come to his light,
**and kings to the brightness of his dawn.**

HYMN #63 VIP – Hark! The herald angels sing

OPENING PRAYER

THE ADVENT CANDLE LITURGY – led by the Goldson family

ARE WE THERE YET? - LOVE

**Reader One:** We light this candle. It seems a simple thing, lighting a candle, a quiet thing that I do alone, to provide something bright in the midst of all my darkness. But it doesn’t make that much difference. It doesn’t change the power of the night to bring doubt and fear and separation. It doesn’t make the world a better place, lighting a candle. Does it?

**Reader Two:** We light these candles. Because we have seen a light and we believe increasing that light does make a difference in the world around us. We light these candles because we want to be people of the light, who know a God who loved the world so much, this God chose to be born in a manger in the midst of the darkness. We light these candles as a sign of the light of the world that is coming into our darkness, and we sing with joy.

**Reader One:** We light the candles of Peace, Hope, Joy and Trust as our circle is complete. And we light the light of Love as the sign of Christ’s presence among us, no matter how dark it may seem.

***(Light all four candles on the wreath and light the Christ candle in the centre)***

**Reader Two**: The people who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth let there be Love.

CAROL

Praise de Lawd! Shout fi joy!

Jesus born!

Angels sing loud on high,

Jesus born!

On dat morning so long ago,

In a stable so mean and low,

Jesus Christ, Son of God,

He was born!

Christmas morning soon here,

Shout fi joy!

Children sing loud and clear –

It’s a boy!

Ring de bells, blow de trumpet loud,

Sing a song, come on strong and proud;

Spread de word, tell de world –

Jesus born!

Hallelujah to God!

Jesus born!

One big star shine like mad

When Him born!

And God’s glory was everywhere

When He sent us His Son to share,

Glory, glory to God!

Jesus born!

Praise de Lawd! Shout fi joy!

Jesus born!

Angels sing loud on high,

Jesus born!

On dat morning so long ago,

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He was born! *(Christine Soares)*

WELCOME AND NOTICES - Steward on Duty

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE COMBINED CHOIR ANTHEM

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

THE COLLECT - **Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING, Isaiah 62: 6 - 12

RESPONSIVE READING, PSALM 97 **1**The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice;
    let the many coastlands be glad!
**2Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;
    righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.**
**3**Fire goes before him,
    and consumes his adversaries on every side.
**4His lightnings light up the world;
    the earth sees and trembles.**
**5**The mountains melt like wax before the Lord,
    before the Lord of all the earth. **6The heavens proclaim his righteousness;
    and all the peoples behold his glory.**
**7**All worshipers of images are put to shame,
    those who make their boast in worthless idols;
    all gods bow down before him.
**8Zion hears and is glad,
    and the towns of Judah rejoice,
    because of your judgments, O God.**
**9**For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth;
    you are exalted far above all gods. **10The Lord loves those who hate[**[**b**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+97&version=NRSV#fen-NRSV-15489b)**] evil;
    he guards the lives of his faithful;
    he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.**
**11**Light dawns for the righteous,
    and joy for the upright in heart.
**12Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,
    and give thanks to his holy name!** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit **As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

EPISTLE READING, Philippians 2: 5-11

HYMN #64 VIP – He was born on Christmas day

GOSPEL READING, Luke 2: 1 - 20

SELECTION “Today a child is born” – Carolyn and Christopher Sinclair-McCalla

MESSAGE

DANCE SELECTIION – “Light of the World”

PRAYERS FOLLOWED BY THE LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN #66 VIP – O come all ye faithful

BENEDICTION

CHRISTMAS WISHES

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####  … BEGINNING WITH ME!”

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**Wednesday December 25, 2019**

**THE FESTIVAL OF THE NATIVITY**

DIVINE WORSHIP

**6:00 a.m.**

 **PREACHER**

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