

December 16, 2007

GATHERING WITH JOY

Prelude “Christmas Medley”

Welcome & opening prayer

***Hymn “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”**

(Ushers available for seating)

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art:
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

***God's greeting and greeting each other**

***Hymn #327:1,2,5 “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”**

OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Scripture readings: Isaiah 9:6,7; Daniel 7:13,14

Song “O Come, O Come Immanuel” Steven Curtis Chapman

Morning prayer

Pastoral Blessing

Children Pre-K – 2nd grade may be escorted to Children in Worship

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture: 2 Samuel 7:11-16; Luke 1:30-33 (page 281 & 934)

Message: Endless Profit from the Prophet

RESPONDING IN FAITH AND SERVICE

***Hymn #342:1,3,4,5 “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”**

Mission report: Michael Essenburg

Our gifts to the Lord: Ministries of Brookside and Debt Reduction

Offertory “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” Bach

***God's blessing**

***Closing song #354:4,5 “Angels from the Realms of Glory”**

Postlude

* - stand, if you are able

Preaching: Pastor Brian Ochsner

Organist: Esther Korzilius

Pianists: Judy Zwart, Rebecca Klamer, Sue Schepel

Soloist: Steve Zwart

Advent candle: George Harris, Kristi Handlogten, Matthew Handlogten, Carol Lenger

Marimba: Corrie Bakker, Kasi Edwards