

## **GATHERING WITH JOY**

### **Prelude**

**"Prelude on a French Noel"** arr. Raymond Haan  
**"Cold December Flies Away"** (Spanish Carol)  
arr. Larry Visser

### **Welcome & call to worship**

\***Opening hymn #354:1,4,5**  
**"Angels from the Realms of Glory"**  
(*Ushers available for seating*)

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

\***Hymn #428:1,2,5 "O Worship the King"**

## **OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD**

### **Time of confession**

**Call to confession: Psalm 139:23,24**

**Prayer of confession** (unison)

Holy God, we come this morning confessing our sin before you. Forgive our closed eyes, which fail to see the needs of your world, blind to opportunities of service and love. Forgive our closed hands, which clutch our gifts and our wealth for our use alone. Forgive our closed hearts, which limit our affections to ourselves and our own. Take away our selfishness, that we might be open to service in your world in Christ's name. Amen.

**Words of assurance: John 3:16,17**

**Call to holy living:**

**Hymn #508 "Jesus, with Your Church Abide"**

May we guide the poor and blind,  
Seek the lost until we find  
And the broken hearted bind:  
Lord our Savior, hear us.

May we holy triumphs win,  
Overthrow the hosts of sin,  
Gather all the nations in:  
Lord our Savior, hear us.

**Morning prayer:** Bruce Vermeer

## **HEARING GOD'S WORD**

**Scripture:** Philippians 1:1-11 (page 1072)

**Message:** Partners in Mission

## **RESPONDING IN FAITH AND SERVICE**

\***Hymn #533:1-3**  
**"Church of God, Elect and Glorious"**

**Our gifts to the Lord:** Ministries of Brookside  
and Faith Promise Missions

**Offertory**

**"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"**

\***God's blessing**

\***Closing song**

**"Go Forth in His Name"** CCLI# 225774

We are His children, the fruit of His suffering,  
Saved and redeemed by His blood;  
Called to be holy, a light to the nations,  
Clothed with His pow'r, filled with His love.  
Go forth in His name, proclaiming "Jesus reigns."  
Now is the time for the church to arise and  
Proclaim Him, "Jesus, Savior, Redeemer and Lord."

Countless the souls that are stumbling in  
darkness,  
Why do we sleep in the light?  
Jesus commands us to go make disciples,  
This is our cause, this is the fight.  
Go forth in His name,  
Proclaiming "Jesus reigns."  
Now is the time for the church to arise  
And proclaim Him,  
"Jesus, Savior, Redeemer and Lord."

**Postlude**

**"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"**  
arr. James Dale

\* - stand, if you are able

Preaching: Pastor Ben Becksvoort  
Organist: Bev Becksvoort  
Pianists: Judy Zwart, Janet Vroegop