

GATHERING WITH JOY

Prelude

Welcome & call to worship

***Gathering songs**

(Ushers available for seating)

“Here I am to Worship”

“Shout to the Lord”

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

***Songs of praise**

“Jesus, Name Above All Names”

“That Boy-Child of Mary”

“O Come, Let Us Adore Him”

OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD

Scripture reading: Psalm 27:1-3,5,7,8

Prayer

Lord, we confess that sometimes we do not feel your presence. We often live in distress and sorrow. O Lord, let your face shine on us again. Show your might and deliver us from evil, that we may experience your peace. Amen.

Scripture reading: Psalm 27:13,14

Song “Blessed Be Your Name”

Morning prayer

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture: Matthew 2:13-18 (page 880)

Message: Back to Reality

RESPONDING IN FAITH AND SERVICE

***Song “In Christ Alone”**

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

Offertory

***God's blessing**

***Closing song “Go, Tell It on the Mountain”**

Postlude

* - stand, if you are able

Preaching: Seminarian Jon Flikkema

Pianist: Janet Krosschell

Praise Team:

Bob and Terry Alsum, Dave Douma, Diane Scott

Bruce Vermeer

Bass: Cal Rozeboom

Guitar: Brian Bierenga

Drums: Chris Wieringa

Reader: Tom Bouwman

Matthew 2:13-18

¹³ When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up,” he said, “take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.”

¹⁴ So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt,

¹⁵ where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

¹⁶ When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi.

¹⁷ Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

¹⁸ “A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more.”