

Offertory Prayer (in unison)

Holy One,

Receive these symbols of our gratitude.

May they become God-with-us for all the world.

**May they bring sacred surprises into a world
that needs a sense of wonder and joy. Amen.**

***Doxology**

Communion

Invitation

Silent Reflection

Hymn *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*
 Chalice Hymnal #163

Words of Institution, Prayer, and Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

Participation in Communion

Disciples Christian Church practices open communion, meaning all are welcome at the table. You may choose communion by intinction (breaking a piece of bread from the loaf and dipping it in the chalice) or by individual bread and cup.

***Closing Song**

Go Tell It on the Mountain
Chalice Hymnal #167 refrain 2x

***Benediction**

Postlude

Joy to the World
with *O Come, All Ye Faithful*



Disciples Christian Church

Core Values

- Hospitality
- Spiritual Growth
- Justice through Service

December 24, 2017

**Please rise as you are able.*

Chimes

Welcome

Prelude

*Infant Holy, infant Lowly
with The First Noel*

Brenda Lewis

*Call to Worship

A Christmas Acrostic

*Opening Hymn

*Angel Medley:
Angels, From the Realms of Glory
Hark! the Herald Angels Sing
Angels We Have Heard on High*

Chalice Hymnal #149 v1
Chalice Hymnal #150 v1
Chalice Hymnal #155 v1

*Welcoming the Spirit (in unison)

**God of stables, stars and surprises,
of light and hope and new life:**

open our eyes and hearts to your presence in our world.

**Open us to your grace, that we might hear again the song of the
angels, and respond with a song in our hearts. Amen.**

*Response

Gloria Patri

Chalice Hymnal #36

Advent Candle Lighting

Welch Family

Child: What are these candles for?

Adult: These candles, placed on this wreath, remind us that God's love, like the circle of the wreath, is unbroken and never ends. Each Sunday, we will light a candle on the wreath.

Child: What is the point of doing this?

Adult: Because the old saying is true:

What I hear, I forget.

What I see, I remember.

What I do, I understand.

As we follow Jesus' ways, we experience hope and more real life than we ever imagined. We light our fourth candle to celebrate God's Spirit that comes to us in surprising ways.

Let us pray: **Living God,**

Use this light to bring us together in the warmth of your love. Amen.

Children's Moment

Prayer

Preparation

Great Holy One

on screen

Prayers of the People: Sharing Good News & Concerns

(After each thanksgiving or petition, the minister says:

"For _____, O Lord," and the congregation responds,

"Hear our prayer.")

Pastoral Prayer

*Following the prayer, anyone wishing to do so is invited to
come forward and light a candle for a personal joy or
concern.*

Gift of Music

Spirit Singers

Sermon

*Sacred Surprises—
Interruptions
Luke 2:8-20*

Rev. Kelley Becker

Invitation

*Song

The First Noel

Chalice Hymnal #151 v1,2

Offering

Call to Give

Offertory

*There's a Song in the Air
with Away in a Manger*