

Invitation

*Song

O Little Town of Bethlehem
Chalice Hymnal #144 v1,2

Offering

Call to Give

Offertory

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Offertory Prayer (in unison)

Holy One,

Blanket the world in Your love. Use these gifts to make Your love real. Amen.

*Doxology

Communion

Invitation

Silent Reflection

Hymn

Away in a Manger
Chalice Hymnal #147 v1,2

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



Disciples Christian Church

Core Values

- Hospitality
- Spiritual Growth
- Justice through Service

December 17, 2017

**Please rise as you are able.*

Chimes

Welcome

Prelude

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Brenda Lewis

*Call to Worship

Gordon Welch

One: When the angel spoke to Mary,

Many: **God was there.**

One: When Mary and Elizabeth embraced,

Many: **God was there.**

One: When Mary and Joseph traveled to Bethlehem,

Many: **God was there.**

One: When the innkeeper turned them away,

Many: **God was there.**

One: When Jesus was born among the animals,

Many: **God was there.**

One: This very morning,

Many: **God is here.**

One: In the future we cannot see,

Many: **God will be there.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

*Opening Hymn

There's a Song in the Air!
Chalice Hymnal #159 (lyrics changed)

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*Welcoming the Spirit (in unison)

Ever-Present One,

Quiet our restless hearts and minds. Use this time to remind us to watch and listen for Your presence in our lives. Amen.

*Response

Gloria Patri

Chalice Hymnal #36

Advent Candle Lighting

Scalese 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.

God comes to us through particular people, in particular places and times. Our third candle reminds us to look for the light of God in God's messengers today.

Let us pray: **Living God,**

May this light remind us to look for You in the world and in one another.
Amen.

Children's Moment

Prayer

Preparation

Great Holy One

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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.

Special Music

Look Who Just Checked In

Spirit Singers

Arranged by Mike Speck and Cliff Duren

Featuring: Allyson Crow, Karina Cowen, Christian Lynd

Sermon

Sacred Surprises—

Rev. Kelley Becker &

Call Me Ahkmet, the Innkeeper

Bernie Meadows

Luke 2:1-7