

Traditional Worship Service

When Light Shines

December 22, 2024

Heart the Grew Three Sizes

Length
in mins

5:00 Prelude

1:30 Live Stream Startup

3:00 Introit

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5:00 Welcome & Announcements

1:00 Call To Worship

Liturgist: Rick Kucera

Leader: We gather this morning to reflect on the profound love of God revealed in Jesus Christ.

People: The love of Christ is the greatest example of selfless love.

Leader: In a world that often lacks compassion, we are called to love one another as God loves us.

People: We come with open hearts, eager to share God's love with everyone we encounter.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God of love who invites us into deeper relationships with God and one another!

People: We come to worship with hearts full of love, ready to embrace and serve!

3:00 *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

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1:00 Lighting of Advent Candles

Candle Lighters: Wilcox Family

Reader:

Hear these words from 1 John 4:9-11:

God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. 10In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

This scripture highlights the ultimate act of love—God sending God's Son for us. The Grinch's transformation reflects the understanding that love is about selflessness and connection. Just as the Whos loved one another, we are called to love as God loves us.

As we light the fourth candle of Advent, we reflect on the theme of love. The Grinch learned that love is more powerful than any material possession and that it can transform even the coldest of hearts.

Prayer:

Loving God,

We thank You for the incredible love You have shown us through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Just as the Grinch's heart grew three sizes when he felt the love of the Whos, may our hearts also expand with love for one another. Help us to demonstrate Your love through our actions and words. May this candle remind us that love is the greatest gift we can give and receive this Christmas. Amen.

3:30 Special Music

"Christmas Carols Fest II," Children's Handbells

5:00 A Time for Children

Noelle Allison, Director of Children and Families

Indicate special props, placement and movement if known.

1:00 Scripture Readings

Isaiah 9:1-7

5:00 Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

**Length
in mins**

1:00 Offering Our Gifts to The Lord - Breakthrough Prayer

O God, we offer ourselves to you. We are your people and this is your church. Use our gifts and breakthrough in new ways as we seek to love our neighbors and be a beacon of Christ-centered hope to our community. In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen

4:00 Offertory

"O Holy Night," Gene Olvera, Tenor

1:00 *Doxology*

20:00 Message

Message: When Light Shines
Scripture: John 1:1-5
Pastor Cody Anderson

3:00 *O Little Town Of Bethlehem*

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1:00 Benediction

2:00 Postlude

57:30
