

Traditional Worship Service

Room In Relationship/
Messiah

December 14, 2025

Sanctuary: Room For All

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: Cody Anderson

Leader: Come with your questions, your burdens, and your blessings.

People: We come, seeking sanctuary in God and in one another.

Leader: When companionship is offered, joy comes alive.

People: We, too, are called to rejoice together.

Leader: This is a place for honest hearts and open hands.

All: Come, Emmanuel, and renew our joy.

3:00 *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

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1:00 Lighting of the Advent Candles

Reader: Today, we light the candle of Joy. Joy rises when we share life together in love, honesty, and encouragement.

Reader: God meets us in relationships that become sanctuaries of joy.

Reader: As we light this candle, we rejoice that God is with us. (Light the first, second, and pink candles.)

All: Come, Lord Jesus, our Joy

1:00 Scripture Reading

Luke 1:24-25

1:00 Prayer of Confession

Leader: God of joy, we confess that we often let sorrow, busyness, or pride rob us of joy. We allow cynicism to take root instead of gratitude. We neglect the gift of community, preferring isolation when you created us for connection. We do not always rejoice in the blessings of others, but compare our lives and fall into envy. Forgive us, O Lord. Renew our hearts with joy that does not depend on circumstance but rests in your steadfast love. Let our lives reflect your joy to the world, especially to those who long for gladness. Amen.

1:00 Words of Assurance

Leader: Hear the good news: God's mercy is new every morning. In Christ, our sorrow is lifted, our guilt is forgiven, and our joy is restored.

All: Thanks be to God

5:00 Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

59:00 Handel's Messiah Performance - Phill Hatton, Conductor

"Overture", Orchestra

"Comfort Ye My People", Soloist Gene Olvera

"Ev'ry Valley Shall Be Exalted", Soloist William Kretzer

"And The Glory Of The Lord", Chorus

"And He Shall Purify", Chorus

"Behold, A Virgin Shall Conceive", Soloist Elizabeth Gore Stanley

Length in mins

"O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings", Soloist Karen Suppes

"For Behold, Darkness Shall Cover The Earth", Soloist Nathan Smith

"The People That Walked In The Darkness", Soloist Nathan Smith

"For Unto Us A Child Is Born", Chorus

Offertory - "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth", Soloist Elizabeth Gore Stanley Offertory

"There Were Shepherds Abiding In The Field", Soloist Alicia Pope

"And Lo, The Angel Of The Lord Came Upon Them", Soloist Alicia Pope

"And The Angel Said Unto Them", Soloist Alicia Pope

"And Suddenly There Was With The Angel", Soloist Alicia Pope

"Glory To God", Chorus

"Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter Of Zion", Soloist Brooklyn Becker

"Then The Eyes Of The Blind Shall Be Opened", Soloist Elizabeth Gore Stanley

"He Shall Feed His Flock Like A Shepherd", Soloist Lenore Odekirk

"Hallelujah", Chorus

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

3:00 Closing Song

"Sleigh Ride", Orchestra

1:00 Benediction

2:00 Postlude

85:00

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9:00 Video Tech

Bruce Pearson 🙋

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Kurt Bokenkamp 🙋