

Traditional Worship Service

Refuge and Sanctuary

December 28, 2025

Sanctuary: Room For All

Length
in mins

5:00 Prelude

1:30 Live Stream Startup

3:00 Introit

"Something to Shout About," "Mary, Did You Know?," "Because Of A Baby," CrossRoads

5:00 Welcome & Announcements

1:00 Call To Worship

Liturgist: Cody Anderson

Leader: Come, people of God, bring your grief and your longing.

People: We come, seeking sanctuary in the presence of Christ.

Leader: When the world feels unsafe, God provides refuge.

People: When the powerful deny sanctuary, God makes a way.

Leader: Here, we gather as a people of peace, hope, and love.

All: O Come, O come, Emmanuel, our refuge and our strength.

3:00 The First Noel

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1:00 Unison Prayer

All: God of refuge, you know the fears that haunt our world. You see the pain of the vulnerable and hear the cries of the grieving. Make us a sanctuary of safety, compassion, and justice. Give us courage to protect, mercy to comfort, and wisdom to act as your people of peace. Fill us with your Spirit, and send us to be a refuge for all who seek your care. It is in the name of the One who is our shelter, we pray. Amen.

3:30 Special Music

"Out Of This World," CrossRoads

5:00 A Time for Children

Noelle Allison, Director of Children and Families

Indicate special props, placement and movement if known.

1:00 Scripture Reading

Matthew 2:1-18

5:00 Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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

The world is still in need of safe places, homes, communities, and churches where people can find rest and healing. When we give, we help to create refuge: meals for the hungry, welcome for the stranger, and sanctuary for those longing to be safe. Each gift is a sign that God's love still builds shelter in our time.

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

"Oh, The Wonder," CrossRoads

1:00 *Doxology*

20:00 Message

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Pastor Laura

no additional scripture

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0:00 *Go Tell It On The Mountain*
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1:00 **Benediction**

2:00 **Postlude**

54:30
