Sunday, December 19th **Prelude**

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: Keep watch! For the One who brings peace is coming.

People: We wait in anticipation for Christ.

Leader: We wait for God's revealing of joy. Remain alert!

People: Love is coming to dwell among us. Hope draws near.

*Hymn # 110 – Love Has Come

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Response Hymn #90 – Wait for the Lord (x2)

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God, giver of all good gifts, we come before you as children in need of your wisdom and grace. Our fears and our hopes are braided together in the rhythm of daily life. Our visions of the future depend on our own hands and ability. Our expectations remain reasonable and within our control. Break into this tangle of fear and hope, bringing peace to our souls. Break into our vision of the future, returning us to your hands. Break into our expectations, awakening us with curiosity and wonder; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Luke 1:39-55

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: The World is About to Turn

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

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I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Recognition of Penny and Kenny James

Special Music

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

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.

*Hymn # 100 – My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout (Canticle of Turning)

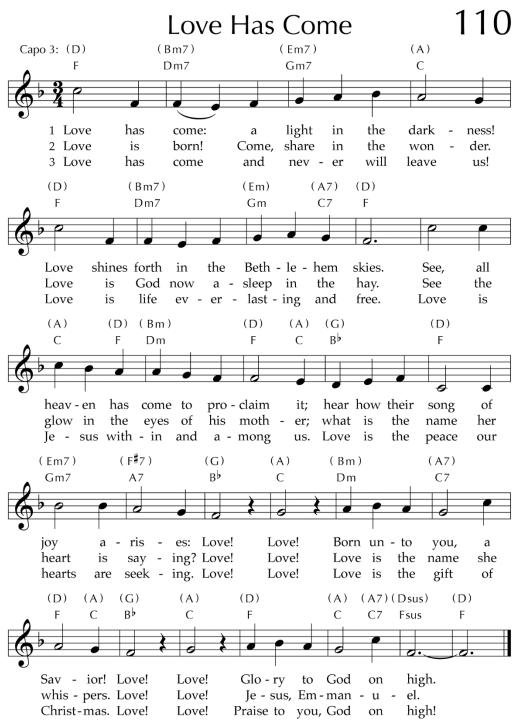
*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response: Hymn #90 – Wait for the Lord (x2)

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Postlude

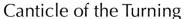
JESUS CHRIST: BIRTH



Here is a chance to sing a familiar French carol tune with new words, the most important clearly being "Love." The senses "seen and heard" (as in Acts 4:20 and elsewhere) organize the first two stanzas, while the third holds the summary statement: "Love is the gift of Christmas."

JESUS CHRIST: ADVENT

100 My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout





- 1 My soul cries out with a joy ful shout that the 2 Though Ι you am small, my God, my all,
- 3 From the halls of power to the for tress tower, not a
- 4 Though the na tions rage from age to age, we re -



God of heart is great, and my spir - it sings of and your mer - cy will last from the work great things in me, Let the king be - ware for your stone will be left on stone. mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de



won - drous things that you bring the ones who wait. to depths of the past the be. to end of age ty - rant ius - tice tears from throne. ev - erv from the con - quer-or's crush - ing us grasp. er



You fixed your sight on ser - vant's plight, your and my Your ver - y name puts the proud shame, to The hun - gry shall weep more, for the poor no This the sav - ing that fore - bears heard is word our



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread; ev - ery prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be

By employing an energetic Irish folk song for its melody, this ballad-like paraphrase of the *Magnificat*, Mary's song at her meeting with her relative Elizabeth (Luke 1:46–55), recaptures both the wonder and the faith of the young woman who first recognized what God was doing.

JESUS CHRIST: ADVENT

