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* Congregation is
invited to stand.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* Hymn 82
On Christmas Night All Christians Sing #112
The Snow Lay on the Ground #116
Love Has Come #110

Tone Chimes *Christmas Bells*

Welcome and Announcements

***Hymn 99** *My Soul Gives Glory to My God*

Advent Wreath Lighting

Reading Isaiah 35:1-2

Prayer

God of hope,
God of peace,
God of joy,
you are our salvation;
we trust in you and are not afraid.
Lead us to draw water with rejoicing
from the springs of salvation.
***God of promise, God of joy,
into our darkness come.***

Sung Refrain: *The Candle of Hope, v3 (insert)*

***The candle of joy reminds us to sing,
For God is at work to do a new thing.
The proud will be humbled; the lowly will rise.
God's kingdom is one of delight and surprise.***

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the
Father, and to the
Son, and to the Holy
Ghost; As it was in
the beginning, is
now, and ever shall
be, world without
end. Amen! Amen!

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.

Doxology

Praise God from
whom all blessings
flow; Praise Him,
all creatures here
below; Praise Him
above ye heavenly
host; Praise Father,
Son and Holy
Ghost. Amen.

Call to Worship and Repentance

We are called as people of faith, children of Light,
but often find ourselves preoccupied with
shadow and darkness.

We grumble and complain,
finding fault in our days,
when God calls us to Rejoice!
Let us turn to God.

Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

First Lesson Psalm 146:5-10

Children's Moment

Anthem *When Will the Little King Come* R. Schram

Second Lesson Luke 1:47-55

Sermon Rev. Kate Rascoe

*Prayer of Response

***Long awaited Savior, you are the promise of the
prophets, and we are witnesses to your work-
vision, movement, healing, music, new life, good
news. Enlighten and enliven us, send us out to
spread the word so that all may see and hear and
know and believe that you are the coming of God,
the Messiah.***

***Hymn 123** *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*