

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 28, 2025

“Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker! For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.” - Psalm 95 : 6-7

## WELCOME—ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP *Hosea 6:1-3*

*Come, let us return to the LORD; for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth.*

### WORSHIP IN SONG *Come, Come Let Us Return to the Lord*

Come, come let us return to the Lord. Come, come let us return to the Lord.  
In brokenness of heart, we consecrate our lives, singing.  
Come, come let us return to the Lord.

With the rending of a heart, with the bowing of a knee,  
Lord, we are returning with a prayer and with a fast,  
With a song in minor key, Lord we are repenting.  
Even now, even now with all of our hearts.  
For You may turn, You may leave a blessing behind.

In Your mercy You will come, in Your mercy You will come,  
Surely as the rising sun, surely as the rising sun.

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our careless attitudes toward your purposes, our refusal to relieve the suffering of others, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Help us to change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON *Psalms 103:10-12*

*He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.*

### WORSHIP IN SONG *Approach My Soul the Mercy Seat*

*Approach, my soul, the mercy seat where Jesus answers prayer;  
there humbly fall before His feet, for none can perish there.*

Thy promise is my only plea; with this I venture nigh:  
Thou callest burdened souls to Thee, and such, O Lord, am I.

Bowed down beneath a load of sin, by Satan sorely pressed,  
by wars without and fears within, I come to Thee for rest.

Be Thou my shield and hiding place, that, sheltered near Thy side,  
I may my fierce accuser face, and tell him Thou hast died.

O wondrous love! to bleed and die, to bear the cross and shame,  
that guilty sinners, such as I, might plead Thy gracious name!

### WORSHIP IN SONG *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near,  
Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires ever have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
If with His love He befriend thee!

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,  
Decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.  
How oft in grief hath not He brought the relief,  
Spreading His wings to o’er shade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
Let the amen sound from His people again;  
Gladly fore’re we adore Him.

## PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

### WORSHIP IN SONG *He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought*

He leadeth me: O blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught!  
Whate’er I do, where’er I be, still ’tis God’s hand that leadeth me.

*He leadeth me, He leadeth me; by His own hand He leadeth me:  
His faithful follower I would be, for by His hand He leadeth me.*

Sometimes ’mid scenes of deepest gloom,  
sometimes where Eden’s bowers bloom,  
by water’s calm, o’er troubled sea, still ’tis His hand that leadeth me.

Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine, nor ever murmur nor repine;  
content, whatever lot I see, since ’tis my God that leadeth me.

And when my task on earth is done, when, by Thy grace, the victory’s won,  
e’en death’s cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jordan leadeth me.

*(No Kids’ Worship. Today or January 4th)*

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Scripture: *Matthew 2:13-23*

Sermon: *“Messengers of the Messiah’s Birth: Guiding Joseph” - David Story*

### WORSHIP IN SONG *I Heard the Sound of Voices*

I heard the sound of voices, from ev’ry tribe and nation,  
As they were walking, singing songs of deliverance;  
For going on before them, a little Lamb was leading,  
And I could hear Him singing songs of deliverance.

*For out of Egypt You have called Your sons,  
Your daughters, that they might be a witness  
To Your saving name; so, Father, I am walking;  
Lord, can You see me walking; O my Deliv’rer,  
I am following the Lamb.*

Where are the chains that bound me, the cords of my oppression;  
Jesus, the Lamb had loosed them; He’s my deliverance;  
My heart cries, “Abba, Father”, for He has led me to You,  
And I can hear You singing songs of deliverance.

As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord;  
As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord;  
As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord always.

## BENEDICTION