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Choral Introit

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

Call to Worship

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THE GOSPEL – THE GOOD NEWS OF CHRISTMAS

The Light is the Anointed One: Christ the Lord

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Offering of Thanks and Praise Mr. Robert Smith

Offertory

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The Deity of Christ

Our Savior – Perfect Man – Perfect God

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn No. 141 O Little Town of Bethlehem (vs. 4)

Sermon Applied

The Point:

Song of Response

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction No. 132 *Angels We Have Heard on High*
(refrain)

*Postlude

THE GOSPEL – THE GOOD NEWS OF CHRISTMAS

The Light is the Anointed One: Christ the Lord

Today in the town of David
a Savior has been born to you;
he is Christ the Lord.

(Luke 2:11)

I. Significant Events at Bethlehem:

- A. Jacob wrestles with God (Genesis 28:18) and named the place Bethel.
- B. Rachel gives birth to Benjamin and dies. (Gen 35:16-31)
- C. Ruth meets Boaz at Bethlehem – her kinsman redeemer. (Ruth 3-4)
- D. David was from Bethlehem. (I Samuel 16)
- D. Micah predicted that Jesus would be born in Bethlehem. (Micah 5:2)

II. Bethlehem –

- A. Originally called Bethel “*House of God*”
- B. Later named Bethlehem “*House of Bread*”

III. Savior –

- A. In the Roman world the people referred to the emperor as “Savior.”
- B. Here the angels are saying that Jesus is the one who rules.

IV. The phrase ‘*born to you*’ speaks to Christ’s humanity.

V. The identification “*He is Christ the Lord.*”

- A. Only place in the New Testament where this identification is mentioned.
- B. “Christ” = Anointed one or Messiah
- C. “Lord” = the owner, a title of honor, respect reverence given by those who serve.

VI. The point:

It is in this historically significant town of Bethlehem where the **one who rules** (Savior) has been born. He is the Anointed one, the Messiah. We give Him both honor and respect as we humbly and completely submit to Him because He is:

Christ, the Lord..

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Call to Worship

*Hymn No. 125 *Joy to the World*

Joy to the world! the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
let ev'ry heart prepare Him room, and heav'n and nature sing.
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth the Savior reigns. Let men their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding
joy. Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found.
Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations
prove the glories of His righteousness and wonders of His love.
And wonders of His love, and wonders, and wonders of His love.

*Invocation
Responsive Reading

P: Advent is a special time for reflecting on Christ's first
coming and reminding ourselves that He is coming again.

**C: During this time of year we are reminded of the little
town of Bethlehem and the birth of our Savior, Christ the
Lord.**

P: "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among
the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will
be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from
ancient times." (Micah 5:2)

**C: We lift our hearts in thanksgiving to God who
demonstrated His love for us when He sent His only**

begotten son.

P: 'For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the
government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.

Anthem
*Doxology

Sermon

THE GOSPEL – THE GOOD NEWS OF CHRISTMAS
The Light is the Anointed One: Christ the Lord

Significant Events at Bethlehem

*Hymn No. 141 O Little Town of Bethlehem (vs. 1-3)

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light'
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary - and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming, but, in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive Him still the dear Christ enters in.

Offering of Thanks and Praise Mr. Robert Smith
Offertory
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The Deity of Christ
Our Savior – Perfect Man – Perfect God

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn No. 141

O Little Town of Bethlehem (vs. 4)

O holy Child of Bethlehem descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in – be born in us today.

We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;

O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

Sermon Applied

The Point:

Song of Response

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction No. 132 *Angels We Have Heard on High*
(refrain)

Glo-----ri-a, in excelsis Deo,

Glo-----ri-a, in excelsis, Deo.

*Postlude