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Prelude

Choral Introit

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Call to Worship

(Responsive Reading)

*Hymn No. 125 *Joy to the World*

*Invocation

Scripture Reading Luke 2:8-14

Anthem

*Doxology

Sermon

Dr. Paul A. Brown, Pastor

THE GOSPEL – *The Good News of Christmas*

The Light – Available to All

Luke 2:8-14

Review

*Hymn No. 144 *How Great Our Joy!*

Offering of Thanks and Praise

Offertory

Sermon Continued

The Sign

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon Applied

Song of Response

*Benediction

*Hymn No. 152 *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day* (vs. 1)

*Postlude

THE GOSPEL – *The Good News of Christmas*

The Light: Shines in the Darkness

The Light: The Anointed One – Christ the Lord

The Light: Available to All

Luke 2:8-14

- I. A review of the events surrounding the first Christmas Eve.
 - A. The Angel appears to the Shepherds:
 1. “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. (2:10)
 - 2.. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. (2:11)
 - B. The Point:
 1. Do not be afraid (love removes fear)
 2. Good News (the gospel)
 3. Available right now (today)
 4. Christ (the Messiah) the Lord (the one whom we serve).
 - II. The Sign:
 - A. You will find a baby - *Natural*
 - B. Wrapped in cloths - *Ordinary*
 - C. Lying in a manger - *Approachable*
 - III. The Application: *is evident as we look at the rest of the story.*
 - A. The baby grew up ... becoming a man. (*Natural*)
 - B. The man died on the cross – and wrapped in cloths. (*Ordinary*)
 - C. He was placed in a tomb — resurrected — ascended. (*Yet still approachable*)
- “Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.

Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!
(Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!)

verse 2

There shall be born, so he did say,
in Bethlehem a Child today:

Refrain

verse 3

There shall the Child lie in a stall,
this Child who shall redeem us all:

Refrain

verse 4

This gift of God we'll cherish well
Jesus, our Lord Emmanuel:

Refrain:

How great our joy! (Great our joy!)
Joy, joy, joy! (Joy, joy, joy!)
Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!
(Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!)

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Mr. Devon Hamilton

*Benediction

*Hymn No. 152 *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day* (vs. 1)

I heard the bells on Christmas day their old familiar carols play,
and wild and sweet the words repeat of
peace on earth, good will to men.

*Postlude