

WELCOME

Pastor Malcolm Stranathan

PRELUDE *"Prelude on Von Himmel Hoch (From Heaven Above Good News I Bring)"* Pachelbel

CALL TO WORSHIP

Greg Louque

L: And God spoke, "Let there be light"

**P: And there was light. And God declared that the light was good! (Genesis 1:2)**

L: Arise, shine, for your light has come .. the glory of the Lord will rise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

**P: Nations will come to the light and kings to the brightness of your dawn. (Isaiah 60:1-3)**

L: All things came into being for in him was life and the life was the light of all people.

**P: The light shines in darkness and the darkness did not overcome it. (John 1:4-5)**

L: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world,"

**P: "Whoever follows Jesus will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)**

L: Come, let your light so shine! (Matthew 5.15)

HYMN

*"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"*

UMH 206

KIDS' TIME

Stephany & Keira Seargeant

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

from John 1:9

The Keefer Family

*"A Candle is Burning"*

Sandra Dean

Micaela Bowman

ANTHEM

*"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"*

arr. Burroughs

Wesley Carillon, Peggy Brengle, Director

PASTORAL PRAYER / COMMUNITY PRAYER / LORD'S PRAYER

Greg Louque

HYMN

*"Love Came Down at Christmas"* vs. 1,2

UMH 242

GOD'S WORD IS READ

John 1:5—2:11 (CEB)

Greg Louque

REFLECTING UPON GOD'S WORD "Come to my Heart, Lord Jesus" Pastor Malcolm Stranathan

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

**All: Jesus, I trust you. Be my light. Fill me with your light. Grant me your hope. Help me to walk in your light, to share your light, to live your light, to give your light. Use me, I pray, to push back the darkness. In your holy name. Amen.**

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OFFERTORY

*“Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending”*

arr. Osman

*Yea, Amen! Let all adore thee, high on thy eternal throne;  
Savior, take the power and glory, the kingdom for thine own.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Everlasting God, come down!*

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HYMN

*“He Came Down”*

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SENDING FORTH

Pastor Malcolm Stranathan

POSTLUDE

*“Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying”*

Walther