



## OPENING PRAYER

**O Lord, open our eyes to see your glory in the coming again of light each day; open our ears to hear the angels' hymn in the stirring of joy within us; and open our hearts to the transforming power of your love as it comes to us through the love of all those who hold us dear and have sacrificed most for us. Be born among us that we may ourselves be born. Be born within us that by words and deeds of love we may bear tidings of your birth to a world that dies for lack of love. We ask this in the child's name. Amen.**

— Frederick Buechner, “Come and See,” *Secrets in the Dark*

HYMN (seated)      “What Child Is This”      #162

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT AND CHRIST CANDLES

*Skyeler Devlin, Brynn Kent, Brett Viens*

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
Risen with healing in his wings.

Throughout Advent we prepare for the arrival of Christ. We light candles that brighten our path to Emmanuel, God with us. This evening, we relight the candles of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.

*Advent candles are lit.*

We also light the Christ candle, and we rejoice at the news of Jesus' birth. As it is written in the Gospel of John, “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.” (John 1:5)

*Christ candle is lit.*



Invitation

Collection of Gifts

Offertory “The Huron Carol”

Dan Forrest

*Annie Moore-Cox, soloist*

\*Doxology “In the Bleak Midwinter” (v. 4)

What can I give him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;

If I were a wise man, I would do my part;

Yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

\*Prayer of Dedication

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

*Rev. Dr. James Calvin Davis*

**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,  
for ever. Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LIGHT

\*HYMN “Silent Night, Holy Night”

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Fantasia on ‘In dulci jubilo,’” BWV 729

J.S. Bach

*Thank you to the Chancel Choir and the Handbell Choir for  
sharing their music today.*

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Rev. Andy Nagy-Benson

Theologian in Residence

Rev. Dr. James C. Davis

Organist

Jeff Buettner

Director of Music

Jessica Allen

Director of Children and Youth Ministries

Jennifer Smith

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Greeters	The Gleason Family

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## 2018 POINSETIA LIST

*Rich Carpenter in loving memory of his parents, Bob and Katherine, and sister, Jeanne*

*Mal and Pat Chase in memory of Malcolm and Audrey Chase and CU and Dorothy Wood*

*Bill Cochrane in memory of Tom Cochrane*

*Jim and Dorothy Douglas in memory of Bernice and Roland Reed, Nina and Samuel James, Helen and Howard Foster, and Robert Douglas*

*Amy and John Emerson in memory of Norman Olmstead and in honor of Edith Olmstead, parents of Amy*

*John and Lisa Evarts in memory of Verna Evarts, and Albert, Ken and Don VanDeweert*

*Rebecca Fifield in memory of her husband, Joel Fifield*

*Jim Sr. and Joyce W. Foster in loving memory of their son, Jim Jr.*

*Robert and Nancy Foster in memory of Howard and Helen Foster*

*Patty and David Hallam in memory of Lester and Mary Drage and Robert and Barbara Hallam*

*Phil and Kathy Heitkamp in memory of their parents Fred Heitkamp, Marge Marsh, John Marsh, Leslie Schwartz and Peg Miller*

*Anna Hardway in memory of Barbara Wells*

*Tim Hollander in memory of Betty and Ted Hollander*

*Lois Huldin and Jackie Noble in memory of Donald H. Huldin*

*Peg Lawrence and family in memory of H. Thomas McGrath Jr.*

*Candy and Hugh McLaughlin in honor of Daniel and Sarah McLaughlin*

*Andrea Perham in memory of David S. Perham*

*David, Gary and Michael Phelps and their families in memory of Francis and Ellen Phelps and Harold and Ruth Sperry*

*David Preble in loving memory of the Preble family*

*The Robinson family in memory of Fred Hackett*

*The Robinson family in memory of Colin Robinson*

*Tana Scott in memory of her husband, The Reverend Charles P. Scott*

*The Tatkon-Kent family, Barbara, Kendra and Julie, in memory of their family and friends who have died*

*The Harris Thurber family in his memory*

*Priscilla Tully in memory of Happy Tully*

*Irene and Al Zaccor in memory of Tante Ilka Schulte*