

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**December 18, 2016**

Prelude

Call to Worship

“Hark the Herald”

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle

Claudio Cordeiro & Maegan Johnson

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

“Good Christian Men Rejoice”

Affirmation of Faith

The Heidelberg Catechism Q/A #1

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**All: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.**

“God Rest You Merry Gentlemen”

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Call to Confession

Romans 6:1–4

Leader: Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

Public Confession

Psalms 51:1–17

Leader: Let us confess our sins together.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

**People: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.**

Leader: Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment.

**People: Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.**

Leader: Behold, You delight in truth in the inward being, and You teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

**People: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

Leader: Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that You have broken rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

**People: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

Leader: Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.

**People: Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners will return to You.**

Leader: Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of Your righteousness.

**All: O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise. For You will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; You will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.**

### **Silent Confession**

#### **Assurance of Pardon and Comfort**

2 Corinthians 5:17, 21

Leader: Hear the promise of God to those who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ:

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

This is the good news!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

“What Child Is This?”

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

Tithes and Offerings

Musical Offering | Worship Choir | “For Unto Us a Child Is Born”

The Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Sermon

“David’s Repentance”

*Psalm 51*

Rev. Richard Harris

Closing Song | “Joy to the World”

Benediction

Postlude