



## Listening

**Advent Anthem** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" – Armstrong Chancel Choir

**Christmas Anthem** "Amid the Cold of Winter's Snow" – Armstrong Chancel Choir  
Emogene, violin

## Praying

**Call to Prayer** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Red hymnal, 211

### **Sharing Joys and Concerns**

(After each joy or concern, we sing, "**O, come, dear Lord, with mercy and grace.**")

### **Silent Prayer**

### **\*Passing the Peace**

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**Christmas Anthem** "Silent Night" – Mohr/Gruber/arr. Schrader Chancel Choir

**The Christian Gospel** Matthew 2:1-12 Pew Bible, 2

**Christmas Anthem** "Follow the Star" – Armstrong Chancel Choir  
Magee, liturgical dance

## Responding

### **Announcements and Opportunities**

### **Offertory Sentence**

Love shone from the stable at Bethlehem; love will come clear from these offerings: a love that reaches out to link hands with the suffering, a love that encourages the dispirited, a love that will accept the vulnerable, a love worked out in the faith community, a love that crosses oceans and ethnic groups, a Jesus-type love. In the name of Jesus these offerings will be blessed. –*Seasons of the Spirit*, 2008

**Offertory** "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" Wells

**\*Dedication Song** "We Three Kings" Red hymnal, 254(1)

**"We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.  
O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light."**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Unison

*Lord, it isn't easy to decide how much we each should give. Thank you for the wise counsel of your church and the good examples of our parents who have helped us understand our responsibility. May we not grow weary in our giving. Amen.*

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**Christmas Anthem**      *"Three Kings"* – Armstrong      Chancel Choir Men  
Ian, bells; Carmen, Ross, Owen, percussion

**Christmas Anthem**      *"Lullaby Baby Emmanuel"* – Armstrong      Chancel Choir Women

**Christmas Anthem**      *"I Heard the Bells"* – Armstrong      Chancel Choir  
Ian, Carmen, Ross, bells

**Going Forth**

**\*Blessing**

**\*Postlude**      *"A Child This Day Is Born"*      Warner

\* = The Congregation is invited to stand  
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