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(Portions of the service that are in **BOLD** are to be said by all.
All points marked * those who are able are invited to stand.)

Approach

Gathering Carol – Hymn VU #74 – “*What Child is This*”

Advent Adventure Continues

Prayer of Approach and Confession

**Christmas has come. The New Year is around the corner.
We are here, Holy One, with thanks for the gift of Jesus and with
hope for a year of new beginnings. May your Spirit hover over
us filling this time of worship with magical joy and inspiration.**

**Forgive us for being arrogant and self-satisfied.
Sometimes we are so sure of our own power and ability that we
think we don't need you. We get jaded with life and stop looking
for your surprising presence.**

**Infuse us with hope, optimism and wisdom to know that
your way is not our way....and this is a blessing! AMEN**

Assurance of Pardon

* Hymn VU #55 – “*In the Bleak Mid-Winter*”

The Word

 Scripture Story – Luke 2: 22-40

* Hymn VU #96 – “*Will You Come and See the Light*”

Reflection

The Response

Announcements

- * Offering / Response (tune VU #84)
**O Light of Nations, fill the earth;
Our faith and hope and love renew.
Come, lead the peoples to your peace,
As stars once led the way to you.**

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

- * Hymn VU #43 – “*Go Tell it on the Mountain*”
- * Benediction / Response (VU #64 vs. 4)
**O holy child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in;
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel.**

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