

# Christmas Eve 2022 – Order of Service

## Opening Music - Bell Choir: *Away in a Manger* (instrumental)

### Welcome – Kevin

- “Welcome, Riverside and visitors! We’re here to celebrate that amazing moment when the Son of God entered the world he made. Scripture is rich with teaching about why Jesus came. Join us in considering these reasons, and worshiping the Son of God for who he is and what he did.”
- “We begin with a flashback to ancient times.” *[turn out lights, giving time for skit players to take position. Then turn lights back on and say...]*
- say “**Jesus came to save and guide God’s people.**”

**Skit – Genesis 12:1-7:** God speaks to Abram (in you all families of the earth will be blessed). Open with Jim & Diane on entry rug.

- Kevin – narrator
- Joe – voice of God
- Jim & Diane – fall to ground in fear; stand up and walk down center aisle; build an altar (chairs)

*[turn lights back on after actors exit stage]*

### Song – O Come, O Come Emmanuel

- Mary, Rosa – dulcimers
- Kevin – sing

[Reason #2] **Elaine** – say “**Jesus came to shine His light in the darkness.**”

- read **John 1:1-14**

### Song – One Small Child *[musicians into position as Elaine reads]*

- Owen – surprise instrument
- Kevin – sing

[Reason #3] **Becky** – say “**Jesus came to call sinners to repentance.**”

- read **Luke 5:27-32** (Becky: narrator, Lenny: Jesus)

### Song – Infant Holy, Infant Lowly *[musicians into position as Becky reads]*

- Mary, Rosa – dulcimers
- Kevin – sing

[Reason #4] **Lorie** – say “**Jesus came to give us a relatable demonstration of God’s love.**”

- read **Philippians 2:5-11**

**Song – What Child is This?** [*musicians into position as Lorie reads*]

- Rosa – piano
- Kevin - sing

[Reason #5] **Rick** – say “**Jesus came to satisfy hungry souls with the bread of eternal life.**”

- read **John 6:30-51**
  - Kevin – narrator
  - Kora, Mary – people looking for a sign
  - Rick – Jesus
  - Harry – Jews

**Song – Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence**

- Recorded track

[Reason #6] **Justin** – say “**Jesus came to bring the dead to life and strangers into his peace.**”

- read **Ephesians 2:1-22** (alternate with Corrie?) [*bell choir moves into position as the scripture is read*]

**Music – Hark, the Herald Angels Sing** (instrumental, lyrics on projector)

- Bell choir

[Reason #7] **Randy** – say “**Jesus came to be worshipped and obeyed as lord of all.**”

- read **Isaiah 9:6-7, Matthew 28:18-20**

**Music – Joy to the World** (instrumental, lyrics on projector)

- Bell choir

[Reason #8] **Kevin** – say “**Jesus came for our sanctification in the truth and our unity in Him.**”

- read **John 17:13-21**
- directions to form a perimeter line around the seating area, hold candles in readiness

**Prayer Circle**

- introduction by Randy
- go in order around the circle, either offering a short prayer or passing to next person
- each person lights their candle as they pray or pass
- flow immediately into song after completing the circle

**Music – Silent Night**

- Randy – guitar
- dismissal by Randy