

Room For Christmas Cast

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Preparing for a Week of Serving

***The Closing Hymn:** *Joy To The World* *Chalice Hymnal*
#143

~ Carrying the Light into the World ~

***The Blessing, Alleluia & Benediction:**

Postlude: Tina Andersen



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Worship: 10:00 A.M.

December 24, 2017—10:00am



YUCC Christmas Pageant

Sunday, Dec. 24, 2017

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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**Sondra Shatters - Director**

**Lori Runkle - Accompanist**

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**Morgan List, Flute**

## As We Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

“My trust in God flows out of the experience of his loving me, day in and day out, whether the day is stormy or fair, whether I'm sick or in good health, whether I'm in a state of grace or disgrace. God comes to me where I live and loves me as I am.” ~ **Brennan Manning**

“There is no place in my soul, no corner of my character, where God is not.” ~**Evelyn Underhill**

“In Jesus Christ, we find the condescension of divinity, and the exaltation of humanity.” ~**unknown**

## We Gather Together

Prelude:

Lighting the Path

Ringling of the Bells

Welcome and Trinitarian Greeting

Tina Andersen

## A Time for Praise and Preparation

Call to Worship

Leader: Sing to the Lord and bless God's holy name!

**People: Praise to the one whose glory is known among nations!**

Leader: Sing to the Lord and bless God's holy name!

**People: Praise to the creator of the heavens!**

Leader: Sing to the Lord and bless God's holy name!

**People: Praise to the righteous judge of all!**

Leader: Sing to the Lord and bless God's holy name!

**All: Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice: the God of love comes near!**

Opening Hymn:

*O Come All Ye Faithful*

*Chalice Hymnal #148*

Lighting the Candle of Joy and the Christmas Candle

**Gere Ryerson & Friend**

Leader: On the first three Sundays of Advent we lit the candles of hope, of peace, and of love. (The first three candles are lighted.)

Today we light the fourth candle, the candle of joy. This should be the easy one, because joy is all around us—in the children, the lights, the music, the gathering together. But how often do we let our preparations—or our memories—push joy to the side? Joy is like an underground spring that wells up within us, but joy is also a choice, an attitude. Like a muscle, it needs to be exercised. So today we open ourselves to joy, trusting that God has already planted it in us. All we need to do is give it care and offer it to share.

**People: We light the candle of Joy!**

Leader: Hope, peace, love, and joy. Four candles, four promises continually offered to us by God, and all of them manifest in this one we light today: the Christ candle. In Christ we find the hope of transformation, the peace that follows justice, the joy of self-fulfillment in community, and the love that encompasses us in all our diversity, empowering us to make our own unique contribution to this world. In Christ we find light and life, and the courage to be like Him, answering His call and following in His footsteps. *[The four Advent candles are lit.]*

**All: We rejoice in God's steadfast presence in our lives, and in God's unique presence in the life of Jesus of Nazareth—born in a stable, growing up in humble surroundings, changing lives and the world through His adult ministry, and in all His life manifesting the peace, love, and justice of God; His voice undimmed by the centuries, His call and His promise as clear to us as it was to His disciples so long ago. Come to us, Lord Jesus, Be born in us this day, in our hearts, our minds, our lives. (The Christ Candle is lighted).**

**All: Jesus, may the light of your life be kindled in us, and lead us to the shining truth, of God with us, God for us, God in us. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

## Responding to God's Gifts and Grace

The Call for the Offering

Offertory Hymn:

*Go Tell It On The Mountain - Verse 1*

*Chalice Hymnal #167*

**\*The Presentation - The Doxology:**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ and Spirit One. Amen.

**\*Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self:**

Loving God, I thank you for the gift of salvation that you have given me in Jesus. On this day when people everywhere celebrate His birth, I bring you my offerings of time, talent and treasure. May the celebration of Jesus' birth empower in me a renewed desire to share the gifts that I have been given, so that I may glorify you and advance your holy commonwealth. I ask these things in the name of Christ our Savior. Amen.

## We Listen for God's Word

Scripture Lessons:

**Luke 2:1-14**

Children's Pageant

Order of Songs:

1. Running Out of Room (Solos: Owen Shatters, McKenzie & Zoey Strausberger, Ashlynn Mcleod, Isabelle Shatters)
2. What Do We Do With Christmas (Greyson Tsusaki, Luke Defuss, Chris Andrus, Sadie Pottinger)
3. We Are The Sheep
4. There Was Love (McKenzie Strausberger and Isabelle Shatters)
5. Room In My Heart (Sadie Pottinger)
6. Interlude (Mrs. Runkle & Morgan List)
7. In The Bleak Mid-Winter (Chris Andrus)
8. Brand New Feeling (Jenna Anderson)

**Piano: Mrs. Runkle**

**Flute: Morgan List**