

OPENING VERSE: John 1:1 Sandy

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

OPENING PRAYER: ALL

O Lord, raise up, we pray you, your power, and come among us, and with great might help us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us, through the satisfaction of your Son our Lord; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

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OPENING HYMNS: Good Christian Friends Rejoice 195

CALL TO WORSHIP / LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE Ashley

Leader: I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever; with my mouth will I proclaim your faithfulness to all generations. I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

People: We will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever; we will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

Leader: You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant David: "I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations.

People: We will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever; we will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

Leader: I have set the crown on one who is mighty, I have exalted one chosen from the people. I have found my servant David; with my holy oil I have anointed him; my hand shall always remain with him; my arm also shall strengthen him.

People: We will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever; we will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

Leader: The enemy shall not outwit him, the wicked shall not humble him. I will crush his foes before him and strike down those who hate him. My faithfulness and steadfast love shall be with him.

People: We will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever; we will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

Leader: I will set his hand on the sea and his right hand on the rivers. He shall cry to me, " You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation."

People: We will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever; we will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

Light the First, Second, Third, and Fourth Advent Candles (The Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love Candles)

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OPENING QUESTIONS:

- 1) What are you thankful for in the past week?
- 2) What has challenged or stressed you or others around you in the past week?
- 3) Is there anything this group can do to help with those challenges or stresses, or is there any other need we can meet together?

PRAYER

LESSONS AND CAROLS SERVICE

[See insert]

BENEDICTION

[See insert]

FINAL HYMN:

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

180

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Merry Christmas

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9 AM Service

17th of December in the Year of our Lord 2023

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Our Mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.