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Prelude

In Dulce Jubilo

Dupré

Welcome

Responsive Prayer of Invocation

All: Praise the Holy One!

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights!

Praise God, all angels above; praise God, all saints on earth!

Leslie: We praise you, O God, sun and moon; we praise you, all you shining stars!

Robert: We praise you, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

**All: Let them praise the name of the Holy One,
for God commanded and they were created.**

God established their heights for ever and ever;

God fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Leslie: We praise you, O God, from the earth;

We praise you, from the ocean depths.

Robert: We praise you, fire and hail,

snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling your command!

Leslie: We praise you, O God, mountains and all hills;

We praise you, fruit trees and all cedars!

Robert: We praise you, wild animals and all cattle,

We praise you, creeping things and flying birds!

Leslie: We praise you, all leaders and rulers of the earth!

We praise you, all peoples and nations;

north and south, east and west, old and young together!

**All: Let them praise the name of the Most High,
for alone your name is exalted;**

Your glory is above earth and heaven.

You have raised up a horn for all people,

praise for all your servants.

Praise the Lord!

Psalms 148

The Lights of Advent

John 1:1-13

Blessing

Sermon

Hymn *Who Would Think That What Was Needed*

Prayers of the People

Anthem *O Little Town of Bethlehem* *Redner*

The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come;
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.*

Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Doxology *Each week, we sing and sign an inclusive Doxology (ASL).*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

God look what your love can do!

Praise Father, Son, and Spirit, too!

Praise Mother, Daughter, Spirit, too!

Creator, Christ, and Spirit, too!

Closing Hymn *The First Nowell*

Benediction

Postlude *Joy to the World*

Following the Benediction, the congregation is encouraged to enjoy the entire Postlude.



The First Nowell

Traditional English Carol

THE FIRST NOWELL *Irregular with Refrain*
Traditional English Melody

1 The first Now - ell, the an - gel did say, Was to
2 They look - ed up and saw a star Shin-ing
3 And by the light of that same star Three
4 This star drew nigh to the north - west, O'er
5 Then en - tered in those wise men three, Full

cer-tain poor shep-herds in fields as they lay; In fields where
in the east, be - yond them far; And to the
wise men came from coun - try far; To seek for a
Beth - le - hem it took its rest, And there it
rev - erent - ly up - on their knee, And of - fered

they lay keep-ing their sheep, On a cold win - ter's
earth it gave great light, And so it con -
king was their in - tent, And to fol - low the
did both stop and stay, Right o - ver the
there, in his pres - ence, Their gold and

REFRAIN

night that was so deep.
tin-ued both day and night.
star wher - ev - er it went. Now - ell, Now - ell, Now -
place where Je - sus lay.
myrrh and frank - in - cense.

ell, Now - ell, Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

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1 Who would think that what was need-ed to trans-
 2 Shep - herds watch and wise men won - der; mon - archs
 3 Cen - tu - ries of skill and sci - ence span the

form and save the earth might not be a
 scorn and an - gels sing; such a place as
 past from which we move, yet ex - pe - rience

plan or ar - my, proud in pur - pose, proved in
 none would reck - on hosts a ho - ly help - less
 ques - tions wheth - er, with such prog - ress, we im -

worth? Who would think, de - spite de - ri - sion, that a
 thing. Sta - ble beasts and by - passed strang - ers watch a
 prove. While the hu - man lot we pon - der, lest our

JESUS CHRIST: BIRTH

child should lead the way?
 ba - by laid in hay; God sur - pris - es earth with
 hopes and hu - mor fray,

heav - en, com - ing here on Christ - mas Day.

Christmas Poinsettias



Carole Blackman

in memory of Warren Blackman

Kathy & Don Copson

in celebration of our beloved Plymouth Church Friends

Leslie Dooley

in memory of Charles Randall

Nancy Lawson

in loving memory of Robert Lawson

Nancy Lawson, Beth, Frank, Nick, & Stefan Marascio

in fond and loving memory of Kurt Lawson

Robert Bush & Joyce Miller

in memory of Winona and Robert Miller, and of AJ and Mary Ellen Busch

Nancy Spence & Family

in loving memory of Bill Spence,
and in honor of our new great-grandson, Luke Matthew Downing,
son of Melissa and Matthew Downing

Hilary Sullivan

in loving memory of William G. Sullivan, Elinor E. Sullivan, and Cecil D. Andrews

