

**WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Drew Herring

**CAROL 126***Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

The Church

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jennifer Clatterbuck

Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be for all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

**Glory to God in the highest! And hope to every discouraged heart.**

Glory to God in the highest! And peace to every conflicted soul.

**Glory to God in the highest! And joy to every downcast spirit.**

Glory to God in the highest! And love to everyone.

**Let us sing praises to our God.**

Let us offer this light against the darkness.

**CAROL 112***Child in the Manger*

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**PRAYERS**

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**SCRIPTURE & REFLECTION**

Luke 2: 15-21

John Bishop

**CAROL 122***Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

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**PARTING BLESSING**

*A Blessing for Love to Come at Christmas*  
By Kate Bowler

Jennifer Clatterbuck

God, we are waiting for love, not the simple kind or the sweep-you-off-your-feet kind, but the absurd kind.

The kind wrapped in rags, resting in a bucket of animal feed. Love enough to save us all.

Blessed are we who look for Love -

deeper, fuller, truer than we have ever known, than we could have ever hoped for.

Blessed are we who seek you, the light that dawned so long ago in that dark stable.

Love given. Love received.

Receive this gift, dear one. Love has come for you.

**CAROL 143***Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

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