

MERRY CHRISTMAS

*“When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child;
and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them.
But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.”* Luke 2: 17-19

Gathering Music

Greeting and Passing of the Peace

Opening Prayer *(praying together)*

God of manger and star, open us to the depths and heights of your incredible love which comes through humble stories and glorious songs. Speak to us in word and music and lift us to the realms of glory. Help us to recognize the arrival of the Christ Child in our hearts, our families, and our community. Amen.

Opening Carol #224 *“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”*

The Custom of the Hanging of the Greens

The Custom of Advent and the Advent Wreath

The Custom of the Christmas Star

Carol #230 *“O Little Town of Bethlehem”*

Silent, Pastoral and The Lord’s Prayer

The Custom of the Candy Cane

The Custom of Saint Nicholas (Children’s Time)

The Custom of the Poinsettia

The Custom of the Bells

Carol #245 vs. 1 & 2 *“The First Noel”*

Offering

The Custom of the Mistletoe

The Custom of the Christmas Tree

The Custom of the Nativity

Carol #240 *“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”*

Blessing

Postlude

