

GOD GATHERS US

Preparation for Worship

You are the Father who welcomes home the prodigal who has wandered far. You are the Father who prepares a meal when others would simply ignore. You are the Father whose love extends beyond our thoughts or minds. You are the Father who knows our hearts and yet loves us as we are. You are the Father whose word we trust we trust and in whose presence we have no fear. You are the Father whose tender touch makes a wounded spirit whole. You are the Father whose only Son was born that he might die. You are the Father whose gracious love we celebrate this day and every day. Amen.

Prelude *Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending*
arr. Kosche

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Lighting of the Advent Wreath: Peace

Jay Shifley

Worship Video: Prince of Peace

Call to Confession

Moment of Silent Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

***Gloria Patri #579**

Invitation to Offering

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Introduction of Speaker

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 3:8–12

Sermon *The Multi, Multi-Colored Wisdom of God*
Jay Shifley

WE RESPOND

A Time of Prayer, Reflection, and Ministry

***The Lord's Prayer (*standing, said by all*)**

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,

and the power, and the glory,

forever. Amen.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

GOD SENDS US

***Closing Hymn #8** *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

***Closing Prayer/Sending**

***Blessing**

***The Peace**

May the peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you!

Postlude

**Please stand, as able*