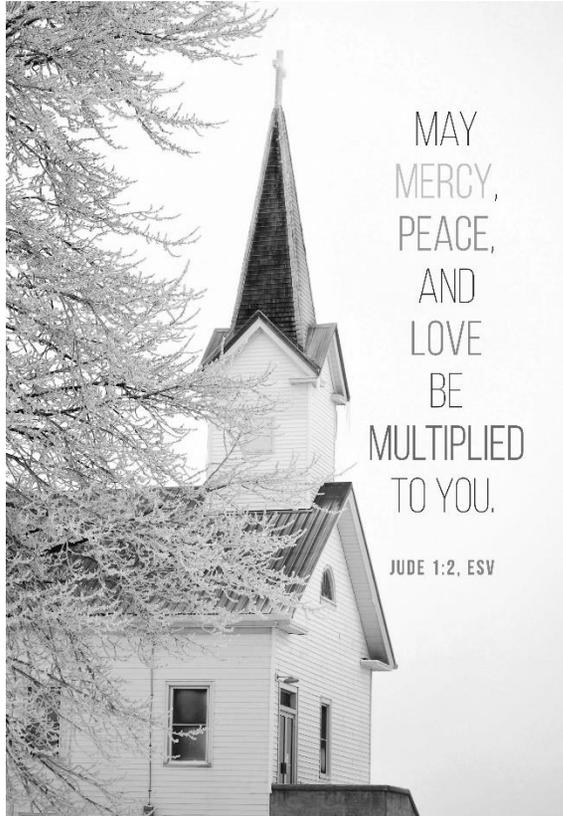


*It is our hope this Blue Christmas
Service brought you comfort.
May peace be with you this
holiday season.*



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Welcome

to

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December 21, 2021

Nathan Richards, Officiant

“Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will not fear. For thou are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.”

The Gathering

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

People: All things were made by God, and without God nothing came to be.

Leader: What came to be through God was life, and this life was the light of the world.

People: The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

OPENING HYMN #9 O Come, O Come Emmanuel (verses 1 & 2)
Tom Ballou

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Leader: Tonight, we light candles of remembrance. We light this first candle to remember those whom we have loved and lost. We pause to remember them clearly, their faces and their voices. We give thanks for their memories.

People: We remember them with love. May God’s eternal love surround them.

Leader: We light the second candle to remember the pain of loss; loss of relationships, jobs, health; the loss of joy. We acknowledge the pain, and we offer it to You, oh Lord, asking that You will replace it with the gift of peace.

People: We remember that through You all things are possible. Refresh, restore and renew us, o God.

Leader: We light the third candle to remember ourselves, o Lord. We pause to remember the past days that have been heavy with burden.

People: We remember that though we may have turned away from the light, the light itself has never failed.

Leader: We light the fourth candle to remember joy. Joy is a fruit of the Holy Spirit. Joy comes from communion with God. We long for joy born of gratitude and happy memories to overcome the grief of our losses.

People: Bring us joy that cannot be shaken.

Leader: We light the last candle to remember faith and the gift of light and hope that God offers to us. We remember that the loving God who kept the light shining in the temple and who came to share this life with us promises us comfort and peace.

People: We remember the One who shares our burdens, who shows us the way to the Light, and who journeys with us into all of our tomorrows.

The Word

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:1-14, Pew Bible pp 832-833

HOMILY

PRAYER OF PROMISE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed; Hymnal, p. 14

The Sending

CLOSING HYMN

#60 Silent Night
Tom Ballou

CHARGE AND BLESSING

