



January 1, 2023

New Year's Day

Prelude Sherry Steele

Welcome and Announcements

Introit *Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New* MV 115

Call to Worship

One: Light shines from the stable, and the star illuminates the sky.

All: The Christ Child is here: Welcome, Prince of Peace; Mighty Counsellor; Emmanuel.

One: The sounds of a newborn baby fill the air.

All: We give thanks for the Christ Child, who continues to find new and surprising ways to take root in our lives.

One: The Son of God, in human form, is with us.

All: With joyful hearts, we offer worship and praise.

A Christmas Prayer of Confession VU 63

God of stable, stars and surprises,
of light and hope and new life:
open our eyes and hearts to your presence in our world;
forgive our obsession with property and possessions,
forgive our compromises and narrowness of vision.
Open us to your grace,
that we might hear again the song of the angels,
and respond with a song in our hearts
and in our lives. Amen.

*Hymn *Joy is Now in Every Place* VU 45

Children's Time New Year Resolutions

Hymn *Grateful* (refrain only) MV 182

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 42:1-4

John 1:14-16

Reflection *The Heart of Christmas* Carolyn Miller

*Hymn *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* VU 58

Prayers of the People

Invitation to Offering

*Hymn *May the God of Hope Go with Us* VU 424

Benediction

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**denotes you are invited to stand as you are able and inclined*

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“MV” refers to the spiral bound songbook *More Voices*

