

Celebration of Worship

Christmas Morning

December 25, 2016

9:30 A.M.

Thought for Reflection

*“Every Who down in Who-Ville liked Christmas a lot...
But the Grinch who lived just north of Who-Ville did NOT!”*

From “How the Grinch Stole Christmas” by Dr. Seuss

*“Oh! But he was tight-fisted, hand to the grindstone, Scrooge!
A squeezing, wrenching, grasping, scraping,
clutching, covetous old sinner!”*

From “A Christmas Carol” by Charles Dickens

“No one is a failure who has friends.”

From “It’s a Wonderful Life” by Frank Capra

At God’s Invitation We Gather

WELCOME AND GREETING

RINGING THE CHURCH BELL

PRELUDE

INVITATION TO WORSHIP (responsively)

All: Come to the manger and worship the King!

One: Come to the manger with the wonder of Mary and the quietude of Joseph. Come to the manger with the gratitude of the wise men and the awe of the shepherds.

All: Come to the manger and adore Him!

A PRAYER FOR THE DAY

SHARING A CHRISTMAS GREETING WITH YOUR NEIGHBOR

* *Please stand, if you are able*

* OPENING HYMN *The First Nowell*

CHRISTMAS CAROL SING

God Speaks to Us through the Word

GOSPEL LESSON *The Christmas Story from Luke’s Gospel*

SECOND GOSPEL LESSON *John 1:1-5, 9-14*

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MEDITATION

A series of movie clips

Catching the Christmas Spirit

“How the Grinch Stole Christmas”

“The Muppet Christmas Carol”

“It’s a Wonderful Life”

We Respond as God’s People

MORNING OFFERING

OFFERTORY

He Is Born

Jackie Anderson – Bell Solo

* DOXOLOGY (# 592) AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Debts/debtors)

* HYMN

Joy to the World

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God Sends Us Out to Serve

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

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