

## Praise and Worship Service

*During this service, have a narrator read the verses in a confident, clear voice while the pianist plays softly. After each verse, the worship leader will lead in singing the selected songs while pre-assigned ladies follow the directions on what to bring in during the songs.*

Isaiah 60:1 Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.

(Sing "Arise, Shine" by Steven Urspringer, c1983. During song have someone light the candle.)

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7a The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end.

(Sing "Joy to the World." Place crown on chair.)

Luke 2:8-14 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign for you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

(Sing "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing." Place shepherd's staff at chair.)

Luke 2:15-19 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.

(Sing "What Child is This." Place baby in cradle.)

John 1:1-5, 14 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. The Word became flesh and lived for a while among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

(Sing "Here I am to Worship." Place open Bible on altar.)

John 8:12 Jesus spoke to the people and said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but he will have the light of life."

(Sing "Shine on Us." Turn on spotlight to shine on central cross.)