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Onancock, VA & Accomac, VA**

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Prelude & Welcome: Good morning! "Let us worship God!

Choral Opening: : **Love has come; and never will leave us! Love is life everlasting and free. Love is Jesus within and among us. Love is the peace our hearts are seeking. Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas love! Love! Praise to you God on high!**

Call to Worship

L Now we have seen the saving love of the Lord

P: the glory of God's people and a light to all. We will worship God!

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, you wonderfully created, the dignity of human nature. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of Jesus Christ who came to share our humanity, and who now lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

Opening Hymn #22 Angels from the Realms of Glory 1, 2, 4

Call to confession *God is here. Trusting in God's grace, Let us confess our sufferings, our losses, our pain, our sins. Join me, as we pray together, saying,*

Prayer of Confession

On this second day of Christmas, we come before God still in awe of what happened on Christmas Day. We have had the frenzy of Zoom calls, the desire of many more gifts than we received, and too much food for just a few at the table. Forgive us for our short-sightedness. We are impatient for a new way to come. We are eager for things to fix themselves. Forgive us for not trusting you. As this year comes to an end, help us to remember your love goes with us. Renew our hearts beyond the joy of Christmas. Help us to grow in wisdom as the Savior grew. Restore us in to the grace of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Words of Assurance: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen!

Gloria Patri #579 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end, amen. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith **Apostle's Creed I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Reading Psalm 148 & Luke 2:36-38

Sermon: The Return Home

Hymn #40 Joy to the World

Announcements/Offering

Doxology **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

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; and 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

Hymn #29 Go Tell it on the Mountain

Benediction

Choral Closing

Postlude

"The Work of Christmas" composed by Howard Thurman

When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,
the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among the people,
to make music in the heart.

The poem "The Work of Christmas" is from Howard Thurman's The Mood of Christmas

