

## In Preparation for Worship

### Gathering Prayer

#### Prelude

O Come, all Ye Faithful

### Welcome and Announcements

*At this time, please take a moment to let us know you are worshiping online with us by sharing your name in the "comments" on our video feed, as well as filling out the [online friendship pad](#) at [slpres.org](#).*

### The Light of the Hour

*Worshippers are invited to light a candle with us, a reminder that we are connected by the Holy Spirit. #SaintLukesConnected*

### Preparation for Worship

O Little Town of Bethlehem

### Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, your grace calls us toward growth and service in you. Forgive us when we sin against you through our thoughts, words, and deeds. Forgive us when we neglect to think, speak, and do as you have called us to do. Renew and restore us, O God. Help us to live out the good news of Jesus with perseverance, patience, and passion. Hear also our personal confessions that we offer in silence... *(Silence is kept for personal reflection.)*

Leader: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

### Assurance of Forgiveness

#### Song of Praise

Gloria

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

### Passing of the Peace of Christ

*We encourage you to pass the peace with your fellow worshippers in the "comments" of the video feed and to take time today to reach out and share Christ's peace with your friends, neighbors and family.*

### Prayer for Illumination

#### Scripture Reading

Luke 2:22-40

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

### Tell Us Our Story

Catherine Anne Thomas

### Sermon

Entering God's Dreams

David Lower

### Musical Reflection

Christmas Comes Again

Jill Hudson

### Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' 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.

### **Prayers of the People and 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.

### **The Offering**

*Giving is a tangible sign of worship. During this interesting time in our world, we encourage you to continue to share your time, talent and treasure. You may also "Text to Give" to **73256**. The body of the text needs to start with the keyword GIVETOSLPRES followed by the amount.*

### **Response**

Christmas Doxology

### **Benediction**

### **Benediction Response**

### **Postlude**

Sing We Now of Christmas