

**Prayers of Intercession**

Lord God, there is no one like you  
in heaven above or on the earth below.  
Hear our prayer.  
Only say the word, Lord, *and all shall be well.*  
... through Christ our Lord we pray. **Amen.**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

*Our Father who art in heaven... debts/debtors.. and the glory, forever, Amen.*

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

Please leave your offering in the little church house at the back of the sanctuary.

**\*DOXOLOGY #607**

*Praise God, from who all blessings flow,  
Praise Christ all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*God Most High, receive the gifts of our lives  
as an offering of gratitude for your grace.  
Overshadow us with your Holy Spirit  
and let it be with us according to your word,  
for nothing is impossible with you. Amen.*

— *Sending* —

Joy to the World

**\*HYMN #134**

**BLESSING AND CHARGE**

**POSTLUDE**

Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella

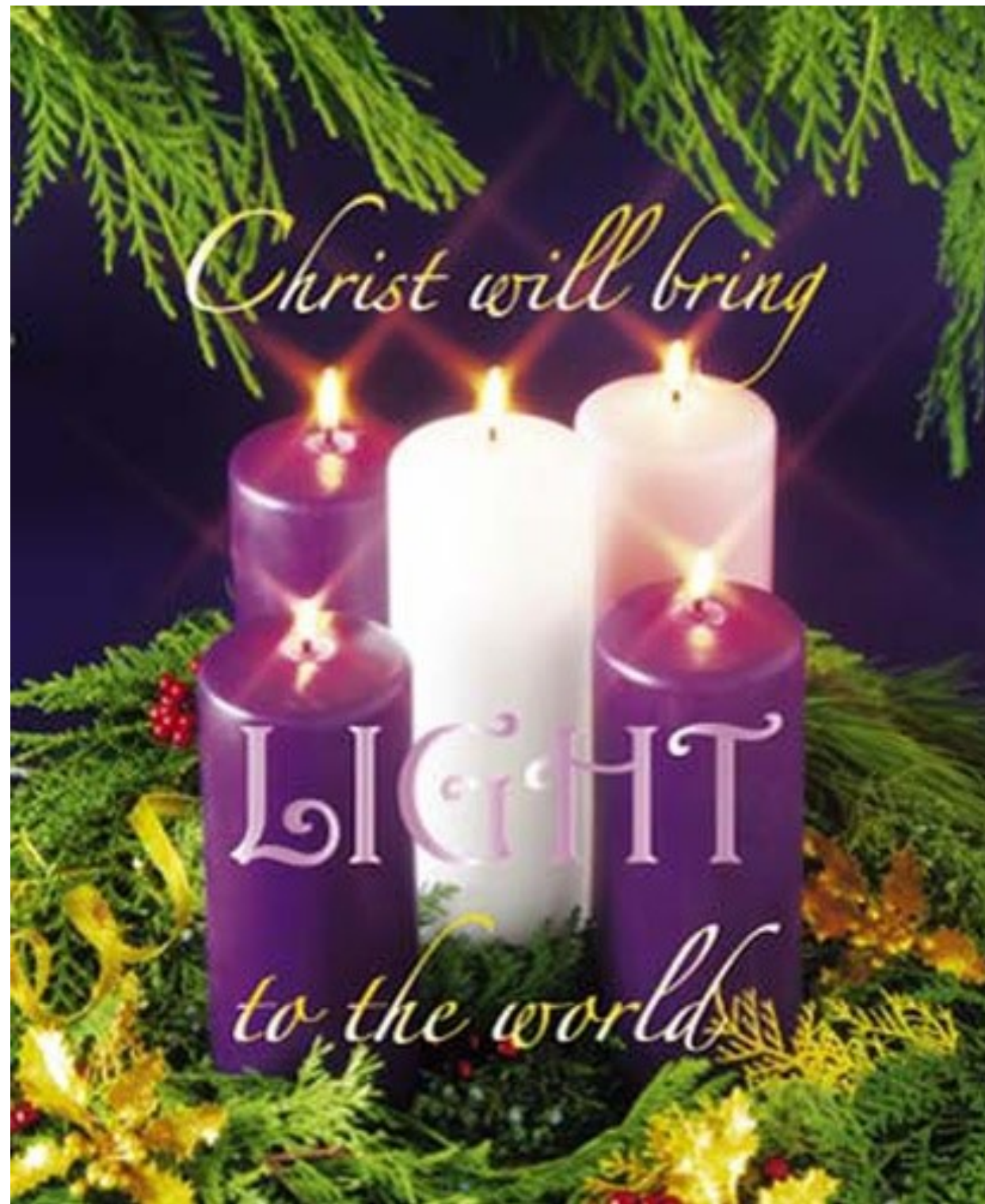
Joshua Allen



Rev. Michele R. Goff.....Pastor  
Joshua Allen.....Music Director  
Debbi Ricci.....Admin Assist.



*Serving God,  
Honoring Creation,  
Embracing Differences*



(\* Please rise in body or in spirit.  
*Bold italic letters* indicate congregational responses.

# *Nativity of the Lord/Christmas Vigil*

*December 24, 2021*

— *Gathering* —

PRELUDE  
WELCOME

Various Christmas Selections

Joshua Allen  
Rev. Michele Goff

CANDLE LITANY – Mary and Steve Lowe

As we light the Christ candle,  
*we watch for the Christmas story around us.*  
Emmanuel has come and is coming.  
*Come, all ye faithful, and worship God.*

\*OPENING HYMN #133      O Come All Ye Faithful

\*OPENING SENTENCES      Liturgist: Steve Lowe  
Good news! Great joy!  
*Jesus Christ is born!*  
Good news! Great joy!  
*O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

\*HYMN #121      O Little Town of Bethlehem

CALL TO CONFESSION  
*Holy God,  
you have come among us in Jesus Christ,  
hallowing our humanity  
and embodying love.  
We confess that we have turned  
from the path Jesus has marked,  
failing to claim all you intend for us,  
withholding love from our neighbors  
and ourselves.*

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*Forgive us.  
Be born anew in us,  
that our lives might reflect  
Christ's radiant light.*

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

This is good news! *In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!*

— *Word* —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HEBREW SCRIPTURE      Isaiah 9:2-7      Bible p. 600, LG p. 780-781

Treasure these words and ponder them in your heart.  
The word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

EPISTLE READING      Titus 2:11-14.      Bible p. 202-203, LG p. 262

This is the word of the Lord.

The word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

GOSPEL      Luke 2:1-20      Bible p. 54-55, LG. p. 71

Listen to the word of the Lord.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us. *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON      God's Messengers      Rev. Michele Goff

ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

HYMN #122      Silent Night, Holy Night!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

*Glory to you, almighty God,  
for you sent your only-begotten Son,  
that we might have new life.  
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
for you became flesh and lived among us  
that we might become your people.  
Glory to you, Holy Spirit,  
for you direct and rule our lives.  
Glory to you, almighty God,  
and to your Son, Jesus Christ,  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
now and forever. Amen.*