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Watch Night Service

** Please stand for these moments during the service if you are able to.*

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST THE KING

Prelude: *Medley of Carols*

Introit: Hope Is A Star **# 119 Blue**

*Responsive Call to Worship:

Tonight, we are keeping watch.

Tonight, we say goodbye to the old year and look hopefully into the new year.

Though the darkness is deep, the Light of the World guides our way.

Even though we don't really know what is to come, we know that God is with us.

Quietly, reverently, open your hearts to God

Praise be to God, who was and is and is to be. AMEN.

Hymn of Praise: Angels From The Realms of Glory **# 146 Blue**

Opening Prayer

Lord of the opening way, we bring to you this night our past, with all that has happened in our lives, our hopes and our dreams, our successes and our failures, our gains and our losses. We bring to you our present, lives filled with exhaustion, wonder, fear, concern. We come to you with hearts open to receive your word for us, for the future. We want to be part of your new heaven and earth, to serve you by serving others. Speak to us, heal us, teach us, lead us, for we ask these things in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

Our Prayer of Confession:

Lord, you have asked us to feed and give drink to those who hunger, to clothe those who are naked, to welcome the stranger, to visit those who are sick and imprisoned. When we look back on this

year we might be able to say we did some of those things. We remember the enthusiasm with which we started out this waning year, ready to do your work and witness to your love. Now we are on the brink of the new year. We cannot change what we did not do, but we can make a covenant with you to be your witnesses in our words, thoughts and deeds. Forgive us what we have not done. Inspire us to do what you would have us do. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

Welcome and Announcements **(See Insert # 1)**

Musical Item: *O Holy Night* sung by Nuel Abenojar

GOD'S SPEAKS TO US FROM HIS WORD

*Youth Hymn: Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne **# 204 Blue**

The Scriptures:

Responsive Psalm 139

Musical Item: *Noel Sure Les Flutes* (Louis Claude D'Aquin)

Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 3:1-13 (Page)

New Testament: Revelation 21:1-6 (Page)

Hymn of Preparation : The First Nowell **# 188 Red**

Sermon: Looking Forward in Faith

Hymn of Response: Good Christians All Rejoice **# 141 Blue**

Prayer of Commitment

The giving of our Gifts in Tithes and Offering:

*Offertory Hymn:

Halle, halle, halle, lujah. Halle, halle, halle, lujah.

Halle, halle, halle, lujah. Hallelujah, hallelujah.

WE GO OUT TO LIVE IN PEACE

*Offertory Prayer

*Closing Hymn: Hark The Herald **# 139 Blue**

*Benediction:

*Choral Praise God, Praise God.

Postlude: *Joy to the World* arr. Mary McDonald