



## OFFERING — “O HOLY NIGHT” - SOLO — RON FRIED

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Holy God,

**C: your beauty shines forth from the manger and your love flows from the cross. As you gather us around these signs of your love come among us, warm us to extend your care among the hungry and all in need. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

♩ The Lord be with you. ♪ And al - so with you.

♩ Lift up your hearts. ♪ We lift them to the Lord.

♩ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

♪ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

♪ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER—*prayed by the Pastor*

### 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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

### INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

P: Come to the table where Christ meets you. Eat, rejoice, and be glad!

### THE HOLY COMMUNION HYMNS: #279, #296, #277, #270

### BLESSING

P: The Body and Blood of our LORD Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

### LIGHTING OF HAND CANDLES

*The pastor takes a large candle and lights it from the altar candle. The acolytes light their candles from the pastor’s candle, then light the candle of each worshiper nearest the aisle. **The lighted candle is never tilted, but is always held upright when giving light to another.** The choir anthem is sung while the candles are being lit.*

### CHRISTMAS GOSPEL: ST. JOHN 1:1-5, 14

### HYMN #281

*“SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT”*

### BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

P: God the Creator who delights in you, Jesus the Savior who is born for you, and the lifegiving Spirit who shines on you, ✠ bless you and keep you in hope and peace. **Amen.**

### HYMN #267 *“JOY TO THE WORLD”*

POSTLUDE: *“JOY TO THE WORLD MEDLEY”— CAROL TORNQUIST*



**PLEASE NOTE:** - For those people wishing to take Holy Communion without wine, there are four cups in the center of the Communion tray with grape juice.

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### LEADING OUR WORSHIP

**CELEBRANT** - The Rev. James Hammond  
**ORGANIST** - Dr. Jennifer Dodd  
**ASSISTING MINISTER** - Maggie Fried  
**LECTOR/CANTOR** - Gwen Gibiser  
**GREETERS** - Dean & Deb Stover  
**USHERS** - Carol & Ron Stoudt  
**CHURCH COUNCIL REP-** Carol Stoudt

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**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who helped to decorate the church for the Christmas season.**

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**THANKS TO OUR INSTRUMENTALISTS AND MUSICIANS THIS EVENING.** Blue Church especially thanks our resident musician, Dr. Jennifer Dodd, Tim Andrews, Joe Cline, Greg Storat, Abigail Dodd, Ron Fried, and our choir, for leading us in song and praise tonight and throughout the year. *Gloria in Excelsis Deo!*

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**WORSHIP NEXT WEEKEND, CHRISTMAS 1:  
Sunday, December 30, 10:30 AM**

*May the twelve days of Christmas be a season of joy and renewal in spirit for you, and may the coming Epiphany of our Lord be a time when the radiance of Christ shines brightly upon our broken world as we await the promised return of our Savior Jesus Christ to redeem us all.*

**Blessed Christmas!**

**Thanks to the following people who sponsored the poinsettia that adorn the altar area this Christmas:**

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