

Blue Christmas December 21, 2021 7:00 pm
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Gathering

Welcome

\*Call to Worship

One: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. All things were made by God, and without God nothing came to be. What came to be through God was life, and this life was the light of the world.

**All: The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

\*Opening Hymn      "O Little Town of Bethlehem"      No. 230

Scripture Reading      Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

Scripture Reading      From Psalm 22

One: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, so far from the words of my groaning?

**All: O my God, I cry by day but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest**

One: In you, our ancestors trusted. They trusted and you delivered them.

**All: It was you who brought me from the womb, you who kept me safe on my mother's breast. Since my mother bore me, you have been my God.**

One: Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.

**All: God does not despise the affliction of the afflicted. God does not hide from me. When I cry to God, God hears me. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Litany of Remembrance – Lighting the Advent Wreath - insert

Prayers of the People

To each petition, "Lord, hear our prayer," please respond:  
**"And in your merciful love, answer."**

\*Song of Preparation      "Do You Hear What I Hear"      insert

Scripture Reading      Luke 2:1-14

Scripture Reading      Psalm 121      No. 844

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer      No. 895

\*Song      "Silent Night, Holy Night"      No. 239, v. 1-3

Prayer

\*Closing Song      "Hope Was Born this Night"      insert

\*Blessing and Benediction