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and  
The Michigan Black Presbyterian Caucus  
Present:

# Worship Service

for

December 26, 2021

*The First Sunday of Christmas*

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Prelude

*O, Holy Night* Linda Stratton

Welcome/Opening Prayer Chip Hardwick

Call to Worship in Song

*Of the Father's Love Begotten*  
Susan Rousch

Call to Worship in Word: Deborah Fair

One: Sing praises to God on high, for glorious are  
God's works.

*All: Sing praises to the ends of the earth.*

One: Shout and sing for joy, O people of God,

*All: for great is the Holy One in our midst,  
blessed is the One who comes to dwell among  
us.*

*Let us Worship God!*

Opening Carol: *O Come All Ye Faithful*  
The Schramm Family

Call to Confession: Mike March

Unison Prayer of Confession:

*Lord Jesus, you have given up all of the riches of  
heaven to come among us. You are God-with-us,  
Emmanuel. Yet all too often, we take this great act  
of love for granted. Amidst the gift-giving and family  
gatherings, we forget the glories of your Incarnation.  
We overlook your great sacrifice, coming alongside us  
to save us from our sin. Forgive us, Lord Jesus  
Christ, for this and all our sins, as we continue to  
confess in song...*

Confession in Carol: *O Little Town of Bethlehem, v. 4*

Lorna March

Assurance of Pardon Mike March

Hearing the Word Psalm 148,

with Angels We Have Heard on High

Merritt and Dominique Worthen

Almartino Dargan III

Philippians 2:5-11

Sermon: *Why Praise, Today?* Chip Hardwick

Carol of Response: *Hark the Harold Angels Sing*

Daryl Taylor  
Stefanie Lewis  
Carolyn Kent

Testimonies: “Why Praise, Today?”, interspersed with  
*Angels from the Realms of Glory*

Adrienne Adams  
Marianne Grano  
Tom James  
Deb Uchtman

The Vine Presbyterian Church Worship Band

Call to Giving and Offering Prayer: Charon Barconey

Christmas Prayer: Luke Choi

Closing Carol: *Good Christian Friends Rejoice*

Julie Delezenne  
Renee Lawrence  
June Zydek

Benediction: Kevin Johnson

Postlude: Dalos Grobe