Isaiah 11:1-4; 6-9 (A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse and a branch shall grow out of his roots.)

John 1:1-5:14,16 (In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.)

Hymn #122 (Hymnal) Joy To The World

Ceremony of Lights and Celebration of Communion

Lighting of the Christ Candle Snodgrass Family

Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is meet and right so to do.

(Prayer of Thanksgiving)

Words of the Institution

Sharing of the Sacrament

Prayer after Communion

*Lighting of Individual Candles

(Elders will light the congregation’s candles. During the lighting of individual candles, Tim Stout will sing O Holy Night.)

*Recessional Hymn (Insert) Silent Night

(Weather permitting, during the singing of Silent Night, the congregation will recess outside gathering in a semi-circle at the front of the church. Please take your insert of “Silent Night” with you. At the conclusion of the service, please deposit your candles in the boxes provided.)

Benediction
Pastor       Charles Snodgrass
Organist    Jerry Wallick
Choir Director    Tim Stout

Prelude and Chimes
Welcome and Announcements
Choral Introit

*Call to Worship
O sing to the Lord a new song; tell of God’s salvation from day to
day.
For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; God is to be feared
above all gods.
Worship the Lord in holy array; tremble before God, all the
earth!
Honor and majesty are before God; strength and beauty are in God’s
sanctuary.
Let us worship God!

*Opening Prayer
We praise your name, O God. You are glorified among the nations
and in all creation. You cause the flowers to bloom; the
honeycomb drips with sweetness according to your design. You
dwell in teeming cities and in the quiet of the countryside. The
whole earth is your habitation. You invite us into your
sanctuary, where we worship and bow down before you. Fill us now with
your Spirit, and let your presence be our blessing. Amen.

Hymn #113 (Hymnal)   Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

*Call to Confession
*Moment of Silent Confession
*Prayer of Confession

Your grace, O God, has appeared for the salvation of all, calling
us to renounce false gods and irresponsible love. In the midst of
our sin, Christ has appeared as a sign of our hope, redeeming us
and calling us to be a people eager to do your will.

Make us zealous for good deeds in response to your wonderful
deed in Jesus Christ. We confess the vain worship of ourselves
and our neglect of your children. Forgive us and empower us to
live upright and godly lives in this world. Amen.

*Gloria Patri   #435 (Maroon)
Anthem

The Christmas Story in Readings and Hymns
(Hymns will be the first verse only)

Isaiah 40:1-5  (“Comfort, O comfort my people says your God.”)
Hymn #108 (Hymnal)  O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Micah 5:2-5a (“But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrethah, who are one of
the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is
to rule Israel…”)
Hymn #121 (Hymnal)  O Little Town Of Bethlehem

Luke 1:26-38 (“In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God
to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man
whose name was Joseph, of the house of David.”)
Hymn #117 (Hymnal)  Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Luke 2:1-7 (“In those days a decree went out from the Emperor
Augustus that all the world should be registered.”)
Hymn #371 (Maroon) Away In A Manger

Luke 2:8-16 (“In that region there were shepherds living in the
fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.”)
Hymn #129 (Hymnal) The First Noel

Matthew 2:1-11 (“In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in
Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem,
asking, ‘where is the child who has been born King of the Jews? For
we observed his star rising, and we have come to pay him homage.’

Hymn (Insert)  We Three Kings Of Orient Are