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****PRAISE SONG** “ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH” **UMH 238**

****OPENING PRAYER** **DARLA BEYER** Ever faithful God, through prophets and angels, you promised to raise up a holy child who would establish a household of peace and justice. Open our hearts to receive your son, that we may open our doors to welcome all people as sisters and brothers and establish your household in our time. Amen.

****PRAISE SONG** “O HOLY NIGHT” **ON SCREEN**

WELCOME **BRENDA DANIEL** We welcome everyone to the House of the Lord! Welcome to all of you who are with us in person, watching on Facebook, or listening on the radio. May you all be richly blessed with God’s presence as you worship with us. If you are watching live on Facebook, please sign in or add a comment to our page. Please sign the attendance registers at the end of each pew.

ANNOUNCEMENTS JAN/FEB UPPER ROOMS AVAILABE IN NARTHAX.

****CALL TO WORSHIP** (Adapted from PSALM 89) **LITURGIST**

LEADER: I will sing of the LORD’S great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.

PEOPLE: I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.

L: You said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant, ‘I will establish your line forever and make your throne firm through all generations.”

P: May your word to David be fulfilled!

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE **PHIL & TRACI BARBAROW**

INVOCATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT **LITURGIST** Holy Father, this is Your Word for my life at this time and in this place. Today I am a new creation in Christ, and I believe that He has a Purpose for my life. Open my heart to the working of Your Word and Your Holy Spirit, that I may be transformed into Your new creation. Amen.

FIRST READING: 2 SAMUEL 7:1-11, 16 **DENISE LLOYD**

****HYMN** “BEAUTIFUL STAR OF BETHLEHEM” **ON SCREEN**

JOYS, TESTIMONIES, BIRTHDAYS: 24TH ROGER CALLOW, 28TH MARK BERNHOFT, 28TH ERIK LINSELL, 29TH JACOB BARBAROW.
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