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Order of Worship

****Please Stand if you are able***

WELCOME

Pastor John

****GATHERING HYMN***

"Away in a Manger"

UMH 217

****CALL TO WORSHIP***

Sarah Ritchea

Leader: Unexpectedly, the time came! The child was born!

People: The Savior of the world is here!

Leader: Unexpectedly, the angels told the shepherds of the newborn Savior;

People: The Savior of the world is here!

Leader: Unexpectedly, the shepherds went and found the child, lying in a manger.

People: The Savior of the world is here!

Leader: We wait for Christ to come again. We wait for Christ to enter our world and lives in a new way.

People: Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

****OPENING PRAYER***

Pastor John

Glorious God, We sing with the angels to celebrate the tremendous gift of Your Son, Jesus! We rejoice with gladness. You give us wonderful joy and peace in our Savior. May we exult in Your goodness with the exhilaration of children opening presents. Amen.

****HYMN OF PRAISE***

"The First Noel"

UMH 245

PSALTER

Psalms 100(UMH 821)

Sarah Ritchea

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the lands.

People: Serve the LORD with gladness;

come into God's presence with singing.

Leader: Know that the LORD, who made us, is God.

People: We are the Lord's; We are the people of God, the sheep of God's pasture.

Leader: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise!

People: Give thanks and bless God's name!

Leader: For the LORD is good;

People: God's steadfast love endures forever; God's faithfulness to all generations.

***GLORIA PATRAI**

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Betty Britsch

*Lord, Open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that
As the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy
What you say to us today. Amen*

***THE GOSPEL** Matthew 20:1-16, Ephesians 2:5-10

Betty Britsch

SERMON

"The Laborers and Vineyard"

Pastor John

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostles' Creed (UMH 881)

Sarah Ritchea

***HYMN OF INVITATION** "Little Town of Bethlehem"

UMH 230

***BENEDICTION**



Worship Leaders
Rev. John Britsch



<i>Liturgist</i>	<i>Music Leader</i>	<i>Children's Sermon</i>
Sarah Ritchea	Sarah Ritchea	

<i>Greeters/Ushers</i>
Mildred & Stayton Weldon

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



Dillon Alcous	James Trusty	Tiffany Gillis
Larry Wolf	Emily Cheatham	Martin & Kathy Flannery
Becca Wagner	David Jaks	Martin Eldridge III family
Javance Thomas	Diane Schroeder	Matthew Bryant
Bryan & Vicky Adkins	Catrina Harper	Coleen Tom
Annabelle Gomez	Graylin Rusk	Morin family
Teresa Strickland	Linda Sager	John Flannery family
Linda Thamm	Earl O'Connor	Jackie & John Bush family
Sheriff Carl Bowen	Cheryl Sweet	Sarah Ritchea
Gordon & Stacey Barth family	Pinky Togmetti	Tina Heiser
Preston Carey	Kyle Paschall	Dylan Mills
A.J. Carter	J.D. Heyen	Elizabeth Reid
Ronnie White	Tiy Salazar	Jayliem Battles