

<b>Miami – Prelude</b>	<b>“Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus”-E. Brogton</b>	<b>Gail Jones</b>
<b>&amp; Ringing of the Church Bell</b>		
<b>Osawatomie – Prelude</b>	<b>“The Holy Infant's Manger”</b>	<b>Marti Bogart</b>
<b>Paola – Prelude</b>	<b>“Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming”-J Kriebel</b>	<b>Gail Jones</b>
<b>Announcements</b>		
<b>Osawatomie – Ringing the Chimes</b>		

### **Lighting the Candle of Joy**

**Glory to God Hymn #137 – He Came Down (Verse 1 only – using ‘Joy’)**

#### **Call to Worship**

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always.

**People: Again, I will say, “Rejoice!”**

Leader: Shout aloud and sing for joy!

**All: God is with us. The Lord is near!**

✠ **Glory to God Hymn # 134 – Joy to the World**

#### **We are called to confession**

As John the Baptist called the people to repent, as Jesus calls us now, we turn to the one who is both judge and savior, trusting that repentance opens the door to new life, and that peace beyond all measure has been promised to us. Let us confess our sins for the Lord is near.

#### **We confess our sins to God and one another**

**In your presence, Holy God, we confess that we need repentance. We have broken your commands against idolatry. We do not live in peace with your creation or your people. We have not trusted your word, and we are afraid. Forgive us, restore us, and turn our shame into praise, for the sake of the One who proclaims the good news and for the sake of all the world. Amen.**

#### **Time for silent, personal confession**

#### **We receive the assurance of pardon**

In the name of the one God who lives and moves among us, you are forgiven. The Lord has taken away the judgments against you. Do not worry. Live in peace.

✠ **Glori Patri**

#### **Passing the Peace**

#### **Message for the Young at Heart**

### **WE PROCLAIM GOD’S GOOD NEWS**

#### **We Pray Together, the Prayer of the Day**

**Mighty God, make us worthy of the challenge of the gospel. Prune away all that is fruitless and burn away all that is false until nothing is left but the good news of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### **Today’s Scripture Reading:**

Philippians 4:4–7

Luke 3:7–18

**Liturgist**

**Pastor Paul**

#### **Reflecting on Scripture –**

**“This May Sound Familiar”**

**Pastor Paul**

**Special Music**

Miami	"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"-arr C.F. Schalk	Gail Jones
Osawatomie	"Mary, Did You Know?"	Marti Bogart
Paola	"Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming"-J Kriebel (VI Adagio)	Gail Jones

**Sharing of Joys & Concerns**

**Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer (Please use debts and debtors)**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in heaven. Give us, this day, our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.**

**Amen.**

**Call to stewardship**

Let us bring to God our offerings, with thanksgiving that God provides more than enough for all. Let us give, as each is able, for the benefit of Christ's church and God's world.

**We ask for blessings on our tithes and offerings**

**Gracious God, in gratitude for all that you have given us, we bring our tithes, offerings, and labor to help feed a world hungry for healing and hope; for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen .**

✠ **Doxology**

**WE RESPOND AND GO IN GOD'S NAME**

✠ **Glory to God Hymn #361 – O Christ, the Great Foundation**

**Charge & Benediction (Unison)**

**Gathering one! Embracing one! The one-who-bears-the-image-of-those-who-bear-God's. Open our hearts to find you in community, In the hopeful, peaceful, joyful work of your people.**

**Closing Response**

**"Go ye now in peace and know that the love of God will guide you...Feel his presence here beside you, showing you the way...go ye now in peace, go ye now in peace."**

**Postlude**

Miami	"Fantasia on 'Forest Green'"-E Broughton	Gail Jones
Osawatomie	"The Carol of the Bells"	Marti Bogart
Paola	"Postlude on Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"arr B. Kolodziej	Gail Jones