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WELCOME  
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LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES  
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PRELUDE  
Carol Rhapsody (Richard Purvis)  
Ty Woodward, Organ

RESPONSIVE READING  
Cassy Williams

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SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST AND OFFERING OF GIFTS  
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OFFERTRY  
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A Christmas Story  

INTRODUCTION TO THE CHRISTMAS STORY  
Emily Plukas

HYMN  
Away in a Manger  
Jack McHugh, piano, Holly Pitrago, vocals

As we sing, the Holy Family will make their forward.

READING FROM LUKE  
The Entrance of the Holy Family  
Cassy Williams

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ABOUT THE HOLY FAMILY  
Jamie Jones

HYMN  
Angels We Have Heard on High  
Kate and Jojo Beckerman

READING FROM LUKE  
The Entrance of the Angels  
Tricia Guerrero

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ABOUT THE ANGELS  
Tricia Guerrero

HYMN  
The First Noel  
Kate and Jojo Beckerman

READING FROM LUKE  
The Entrance of the Shepherds & Sheep  
Bryce Eddy

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ABOUT THE SHEPHERDS  
Jamie Jones

HYMN  
We Three Kings  
Kate and Jojo Beckerman

READING FROM MATTHEW  
The Entrance of the Magi  
Tricia Guerrero

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ABOUT THE MAGI  
Tricia Guerrero

HYMN  
Go, Tell It on the Mountain  
Emily Plukas

THE ENTRANCE OF YOU AND ME  
Emily Plukas

CLOSING HYMN  
Silent Night, Holy Night

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