

## Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

- *December 29, 2019 – The youth will present their movie, and we will continue our Christmas celebration.*
- *Collect your change for Heifer Project in January*
- *We will be collecting large laundry detergent and softener for Hope House in January*

Concerns and Joys

Opening Prayer

Offering and Sharing

While Phil Baisley sings and leads ***Once Again***, an original song by Philip C. Baisley ©2018 Baisltunes (ASCAP)

Once again the shepherds make their way to Bethlehem  
The wise men load their camels for the journey once again  
And once again the sun decides to push away the night  
And bless the end of darkness with the coming of the Light  
And the bells peal out  
And the children sing  
And the carols ring  
As we all go out  
And once again we unpack Mary, Joseph, and the child  
An imitation pine scent candle burning all the while  
And once again we set aside our pettiness and pride  
Remembering the holy that lives deep down inside  
And the bells peal out  
And the children sing

And the carols ring

As we all go out

And once again we make our way to a stall in Bethlehem

We summon up our wisdom for the journey once again

We feel the hope within us rise as day wins over night

And once again we celebrate the coming of the Light

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**(Youth are dismissed to work on the Christmas Play)**

Luke 1: 5-8, 11-18

*Your Paradigm is Going to Shift, God is Preparing the Way*

Hymn # 53 Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Open worship

Queries:

- When have you had to shift how you thought about things?
- Can you see or even envision new ways of peace, love, or good will being created in your ways of thinking and being in this world?
- How do we open ourselves to be new pathways for God's presence to be made known in this world?

Hymn #74 *Heir of all the Waiting Ages*

Hymn #54 *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Benediction and blessing



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