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<b>Gathering</b>	<i>Glory (Let There Be Peace)</i>	Praise Band
<b>Welcome and Announcements</b>		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
<b>Mission Moment</b>	Staff Update	Virginia Newman
<b>Threshold Moment</b>		
<b>*Lighting of the Advent Wreath</b>		The Girouard Family
<b>*Advent Prayer</b>		
Leader: Let us pray.		
<b>People: Here, at the nativity of Your birth,</b>		
<b>give us the courage to face this moment</b>		
<b>with new air in our lungs.</b>		
<b>Open us to new understandings of</b>		
<b>the unfolding story of Your presence among us.</b>		
<b>Show us the true meaning of peace on earth,</b>		
<b>good will for all.</b>		
<b>We pray in the name of the Child,</b>		
<b>the Prince of Peace in our hearts and lives. AMEN.</b>		
<b>Children's Moment</b>		Linda Biscardo
<b>Prayer Song</b>	<i>Come Emmanuel</i>	(see screen)
<b>Prayers of People</b>		Sarah Chambers
<b>Offering Song</b>	<i>Light of the World</i>	Praise Band
<b>Prayer of Thanksgiving</b>		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
<b>Gospel Reading</b>	Luke 1: 5-25; 57-80	Sandy Ross

<b>Message</b>	<i>The Silent Word</i>	Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
<b>Invitation to Communion</b>		Sarah Chambers
<b>Prayer of Confession</b>		See Screen
<b>Assurance and Pardon</b>		See Screen
<b>The Great Thanksgiving</b>	UMH 13	Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>		
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 trespasses		
as we forgive those who trespass against us.		
And lead us not into temptation,		
But deliver us from evil.		
For Thine is the kingdom,		
and the power and the glory. Forever. AMEN.		
<b>Breaking of the Bread</b>		
<b>Giving the Bread and Cup</b>		
<b>Music During Communion</b>	<i>You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)</i>	Praise Band
<b>Prayer Following Communion</b>		
Eternal God,		
we give You thanks for this holy mystery		
in which You have given Yourself to us.		
Grant that we may go into the world		
in the strength of Your Spirit,		
to give ourselves to others		
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.		
<b>*Closing Song</b>	<i>Come Thou Long Expected Jesus</i>	Praise Band
<b>*Benediction</b>		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>Glory (Let There Be Peace) (Reprise)</i>	Praise Band



*Franconia United Methodist Church believes that everyone is a child of God.  
We welcome all people to worship, join in membership, serve in lay leadership,  
and actively participate in the life of the church.*

*We welcome and affirm all persons without regard to gender, gender identity, race,  
sexual orientation, faith tradition, age, marital status, family structure,  
economic background, political affiliation, physical or mental ability or life experience.  
We commit to extend Christ's hospitality, creating a place of safety and sanctuary for all people.  
We recognize there are differences among us and although we may not think or look alike,  
we commit to respect and love one another as we are all the family of God.*

*We further commit ourselves to loving acts of invitation, hospitality, and community,  
providing ministry to, for, and with all persons without exception,  
fostering a sense of belonging where people are respected and valued as beloved children of God.*

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