

First Sunday after Christmas 29 December 2024

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship (182)

O Come All Ye Faithful

(1) O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; Come and behold him, born the King of angels.

Refrain:

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

(2) Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above; glory to God, all glory in the highest; [Refrain]

Opening Prayer

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 148

(One) Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

- (All) Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host! (One) Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!
- (All) Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!
- (One) Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.
- (All) He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.
- (One) Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!
- (All) Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

(One) Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and women alike, old and young together!

(All) Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

(One) He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the LORD!

*Hymn (179)

Joy to the World

- (1) Joy to the world! the Lord is come; let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
- (2) Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns; let all their songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
- (3) No more let sin and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.
- (4) He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

Prayer of Confession

(All) Lord God, we praise you for sending light into this world. We confess that we live as though the light had never defeated darkness. We confess that we ignore the Savior you sent to be among us and to live in us. We've kept the birth of your Son confined to a season. Forgive us for not opening our eyes to Jesus. Prepare us for His return. Help us rejoice in the light so that your grace can illuminate the darkened places of our hearts. Assure us of our pardon that we may find rest in you. Amen.

Silence

Assurance of Pardon

PROCLAMATION

Old Testament Reading New Testament Reading Gospel Reading Isaiah 61:10-62:3 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:22-40

Sermon

*Hymn (218)

Go Tell It on the Mountains

Refrain:

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

- (1) While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. [Refrain]
- (2) The shepherds feared and trembled when, lo! above the earth

rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. [Refrain]

(3) Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born, and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. [Refrain]

RESPONSE

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles Creed I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Offertory

*Doxology & Prayer of Dedication

Passing of the Peace

Prayers of the People

(One) In Your mercy ...

(All) ... Hear our prayers.

The Lord's Prayer (sins/trespass)

SENDING

Charge

Benediction Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Communion next week

Don't forget that we'll be celebrating communion next **Sunday, January 5th**. If you're joining us online, remember to bring your communion elements to the broadcast.

January Potluck

Join us for our first-Sunday-of-the-year-potluck on **Sunday, January 5th**, directly after the service. The theme is noodles!

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SCRIPTURES

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod.

2:19

His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.

2:20

Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife and say, "May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the loan that she made to the LORD," and then they would return to their home.

2:26

Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the LORD and with the people.

Colossians 3:12-17

Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

3:13

Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

3:14

Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

3:15

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. 3:16

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

3:17

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Luke 2:41-52

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover.

2:42

And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival.

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When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents were unaware of this.

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Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends.

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When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him.

2:46

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.

2:47

And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

2:48

When his parents saw him they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously looking for you."

2:49

He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" 2:50

But they did not understand what he said to them.

2:51

Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them, and his mother treasured all these things in her heart.

2:52

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years and in divine and human favor.