

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 5, 2020
Second Sunday of Christmas

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome and Lighting the Peace Candle David A. Douthett, Pastor

Prelude *Hallelujah Joy!* by Mark Hayes
Donald K. Burgess, Pianist

Call to Worship Janelle Banta
Let us worship God! *see 1 Timothy 3:16, Psalm 98:3*
Glory to Christ who is proclaimed among the nations, and believed in throughout the world.
All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. Alleluia!

Opening Prayer
Eternal God, a thousand years in Your sight are like a watch in the night. As You have led us in days past, so guide us now and always, that our hearts may learn to choose Your will, and new resolves be strengthened; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

* Hymn #41 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Litany for Christmas
Let us pray.
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Alleluia!
Shout to the Lord, all the earth. Alleluia!
O Christ, splendor of God's eternal glory, the mighty Word, sustaining the universe:
Renew our lives by your presence.
O Christ, born into the world in the fullness of time for the liberation of all creation:
Release all into your promised freedom.
O Christ, begotten of the Father before all time, born in a stable at Bethlehem:
May your church be a sign of hope and joy.
O Christ, truly God and truly human, born to a people in fulfillment of their expectations:
Fulfill our desires in you.
O Christ, born of the Virgin Mary, child of wonder and splendor, mighty God of all ages, Prince of Peace:
May the whole world live in peace and justice.

All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of Your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace.
Teach us to proclaim the birth of Your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

* Response *Angels We Have Heard on High*[†] chorus
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo! (“Glory to God in the highest!”)

* The Peace
The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!
And also with you. *Please greet each other in Jesus' name.*

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination
Almighty God, You have filled us with the light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of faith, focused by the holy scriptures, shine in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson Jeremiah 31:7-14 p. 735, OT, pew Bible

New Testament Lesson Ephesians 1:3-14 p. 192, NT, pew Bible

Meditation “For God's Good Pleasure” Mr. Douthett

WE RESPOND TO GOD IN FAITH

Gathering the Joys and Concerns
Offering Our Gifts and Ourselves
Offertory *Puer Nobis Nascitur* by Vicki Collinsworth
Mr. Burgess

* Response #592 *Doxology*[†]
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn #53 *What Child is This*

* - The congregation is invited to stand. † - lyrics printed for convenience **Bold, italic text is read or sung by everyone together.**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (including pastoral prayers)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right to give You thanks and praise...

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Communion of God's People

All who trust in Jesus are welcome to receive communion. You don't have to be a member of our church.

Bread in the small glass dishes is gluten-free. The cup is grape juice, not wine.

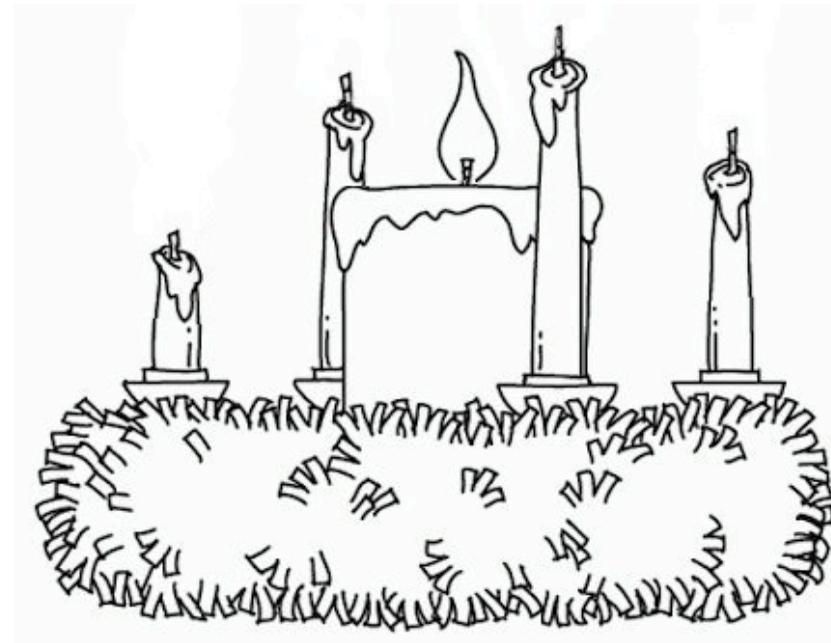
Prayer After Communion

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 for others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE GO OUT TO SERVE IN JESUS' NAME

- * Hymn #56 *The First Nowell* vss. 2, 3, 5, 6
- * For the Good of the Body...
- * Charge and Blessing
- * Postlude *Sing We Now of Christmas* arr. by Bethany K. Smith
Mr. Burgess

CHRISTMAS



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A community growing in faith, hope, love, and witness to Jesus Christ

Welcome to our service today!

We are glad you are here and hope that you will experience God's presence and a sense of Christian community as we celebrate our life in God together.

If you have any questions, feel free to speak with our greeters.

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Elder Sue Douglas, Clerk of Session
Mr. Donald K. Burgess, Music Director

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