

ORDER OF WORSHIP

2nd Sunday of Christmas

January 5, 2025

Eleven O'Clock

Greeters: Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast
Liturgist: Pat Nash

PRELUDE:

CHIMING THE HOUR

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Psalm 118 says: **This is the Day that the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it! Good morning and welcome. It is so nice to see all of you here this morning. Visitors, please sign the attendance registers located in each row.**

Please stand, in body or spirit, and join me in our Call to Worship and remain standing through the response.

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Responsively)

Leader: **My soul magnifies the Lord,**

People: **and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

Please bow your heads for our Opening Prayer

***OPENING PRAYER** God of power and love, You raised Jesus from death to life, resplendent in glory to rule over all creation. Free the world to rejoice in His peace, to glory in His justice, and to live in His love. Unite all human kind in Jesus Christ Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, Forever and ever. Amen.

Our first hymn today is:

***HYMN** No. 145 "*What Child Is This*" GREENSLEEVES

***CALL TO CONFESSION** If we say we are without sin, we deceive ourselves. Let us confess our sins before Almighty God.

Let us pray together

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord, who knows our hearts, know our desire to follow You. Look past our sins to our hopes and dreams. See within each of us the longing to do what is right in Your sight, too often pushed aside by the noise and activity of the secular world. Forgive us when we fail You and lead us on Your road always. (Say – “Please pray silently,” and after about 20 seconds, say, Amen) Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Brothers and sisters in Christ, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

You may be seated.

A TIME FOR YOUTH At this time would our youth please come forward.

Please bow your heads for our Prayer for Illumination

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of Your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and Your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what You say to us today. Amen.

PSALTER LESSON Our Psalter Lesson comes from Psalm 147:12-20 please read it responsively with me.

Leader: Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

People: For He strengthens the bars of your gates; He blesses your children within you.

Leader: He grants peace within your borders; He fills you with the finest of wheat.

People: He sends out His command to the earth; His word runs swiftly.

Leader: He gives snow like wool; He scatters frost like ashes.

People: He hurls down hail like crumbs – who can stand before His cold?

Leader: He sends out His word, and melts them; He makes His wind blow, and the waters flow.

People: He declares His word to Jacob, His statutes and ordinances to Israel.

Leader: He has not dealt thus with any other nation;

People: they do not know His ordinances. Praise the Lord!

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSONS Our Old Testament Lesson comes from Jeremiah 31:7-14 you may follow along in your pew Bibles on pages 734 of the Old Testament

Jeremiah 31:7-14

⁷For thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, “Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel.” ⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. ⁹With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

¹⁰Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, “He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.” ¹¹For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. ¹²They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. ¹³Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. ¹⁴I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC “Welcome to Our World” by Chris Rice

Soloist: Heidi Yuhanna

GOSPEL LESSON Our Gospel Lesson comes from John 1:(1-9), 10-18, you may follow along in your pew Bibles on pages 91-92 of the New Testament

John 1:(1-9), 10-18

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Janet Boyanton

Those who are able, please stand and join with me in singing:

***HYMN** No. 151 "*We Three Kings of Orient Are*" **KINGS OF ORIENT**

Please join me in Affirmation of Faith as it is printed in your bulletin.

***AFFIRMATION** The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 581 *“Glory Be to the Father”* GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end, Amen, amen.**

You may be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS It is time for announcements, does anybody have an announcement they would like to make?

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY And now it is time for our Prayer Concerns and Celebrations. Does anybody have anything they would like to share?

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY:

***RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 606 *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

**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.**

Let us come to God with our prayer of Thanksgiving

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Gracious God, we thank You for the world You have provided for us. It is You who has given us good things, food, shelter, clean water, and beauty. Help us to appreciate all that You have done and all that You are. In Christ's name, Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

(For the music used during the prayer turn to #552, 553, and 554 in the hymnal.)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: To the one true and living God...

Therefore, we praise You, joining our voices with the choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your name:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

How wonderful are the works of Your hands, Holy God, and how gracious is the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior...

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Breathe on us, breath of God, and upon these gifts of bread and cup...

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. **Amen, Amen, Amen.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

Our last Hymn today is:

***HYMN** No. 150 “*As With Gladness Men of Old*” DIX

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE:**

Hymn No. 136 “*Go Tell It on the Mountain*” refrain GO TELL IT

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;

Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***POSTLUDE:**

***Those who are able may stand.**

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PLEDGING NEEDS

We have received very few pledges to date. This makes preparing a budget to cover our church needs very problematic. Please consider making a pledge (letters, cards and envelopes are located on the Narthex table at the back of the sanctuary.)

Pat Nash, Administration Committee

THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

TUESDAY – 10:30 AM FIA Planning Meeting

THURSDAY – 10:00 AM Art Group

NEXT SUNDAY - Communion

10:30 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Leaders

Our Presbytery, our church, our Session

Our Troops

Joe and Lorrinda Alexander

Thomas Alexander – please continue to pray

Jim Glander

Martha Brashear – continued prayers

The church and nation of Ukraine

Makia's people in Cameroon

DeSoto Food Pantry

Max Jewell is at home, but needs our continued prayers as he is still recovering

Chikezie is very weak

Christians in Pakistan

Janet

The Israel-Hamas War

Prayers for those who are hungry and without clean drinking water

People all over the world are hungry, not just for food, but for the word of God.

Travel mercies for all our members and friends traveling during the holiday

Eliana Grace was born months prematurely, and her lungs are not functioning properly

Lorrinda fell and broke her pelvis, prayers for a speedy recovery

Bryan Booth Krueger fell on Christmas Day and broke a leg in 3 places

Manfred had to go to the hospital, he is hoping to be able to go back to work

Prayers for all our family and friends who are sick

CELEBRATIONS

Michelle Kalu is here but will be going back to school soon, and she will graduate in June

Both Spencer and Brayden will be going back to school soon