

Bulletin Information
December 26, 2021
1st Sunday After Christmas

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude

Lighting the Candles and Ringing the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship:

Please stand, as you are able, and join me in the call to worship:

One: Praise the Lord! Praise God in the heavens.

All: Praise the Lord from the earth!

One: Young and old alike,

All: men and women together. Praise the Lord!

*Morning Prayer

*Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of wonder, you surround us with signs of your glory and surprise us with your presence, yet we often miss the marvels you place before us. Forgive our dullness and make us alert to the ways you make yourself known, that we might be witnesses to your good news and proclaim your extravagant love...

(Pause for a few moments of silent reflection and personal confession.)

...through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Words of Peace

*Congregational Response

Glory Be to the Father

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We Listen For God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsive Psalm & Psalm Prayer

Psalm 148

One: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights.

All: Praise the Lord, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.

One: Praise the Lord, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.

All: Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.

One: Let them praise the name of the Lord, who commanded, and they were created,
All: who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law which shall not pass away.

One: Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;
All: fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;
 One: mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;
All: wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;
 One: sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;
All: young men and maidens, old and young together.

One: Let them praise the name of the Lord, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.
All: The Lord has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the Lord. Hallelujah!

One: God Most High, by your Word you created a wondrous universe, and through your Spirit you breathed into it the breath of life. Accept creation's hymn of praise from our lips, and let the praise that is sung in heaven resound in the heart of every creature on earth, to the glory of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

New Testament Lesson

Colossians 3:12-17

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson

Luke 2:41-52

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Home Alone

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn

Once in Royal David's City

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Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Children of God, in Jesus, God's Word became flesh to birth love in our hearts and peace in our world. As we celebrate the gift of life in Christ, let us pray for the church and world saying:

One: O God of Love,
All: draw us together in peace.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

Invitation to the Offering

Offering

*Congregational Response

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

*Affirmation of Faith

Col. 1:15-20

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

We Leave to Serve God

*Hymn

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

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*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Song of Hope

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Postlude

Sermon Text for next Sunday: Matthew 2:1-12