



Second Sunday of Christmas January 2, 2022 @10:30 am

Liturgist: Gwynne Shepherd
Special Music: James Wingate, organ

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

Music as we prepare our hearts and minds for worship

Chimes: Hymns

Organ Prelude *"The Old Year Hath Passed Away"* J.S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Nursery care is available for infants through age 5 in Room 115.

Children are welcome to use our new "Prayground" space in the Sanctuary (right front section) during the worship service. An adult will be present to assist the children.

Parents and grandparents are welcome to sit close by.

***Call to Worship**

One: The Word became flesh and lived among us.

All: And we have seen his glory.

One: The true light that enlightens everyone has come into the world.

All: Glory to God who has blessed us in Christ. Glory to God forever.

***Opening Hymn**

Fairest Lord Jesus
Glory to God Hymnal #630 vs. 1, 2, & 3

CRUSADERS' HYMN

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
O thou of God to earth come down,
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring.
Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer,
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling, starry host.
Jesus shines brighter; Jesus shines purer,
than all the angels heaven can boast.

***Opening Prayer**

Old Testament Lesson Jeremiah 31:7-14

For 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.”

⁸ See, 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.

⁹ With 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.

¹⁰ Hear 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.”

¹¹ For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

¹² They 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.

¹³ Then 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.

¹⁴ I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

Music Meditation “I Danced in the Morning When the World Was Begun”
(American Shaker melody)

Children’s Moment

Worship bag supplies are available on the worship cart in the narthex.

New Testament Lesson Ephesians 1:3-14

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵ He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹ he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Meditation

Prayers of the People

Communion

Let us pray:

Holy Spirit, come into this bread and this cup...

And with the confidence of Christ's followers, let us pray together the words he taught us,
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.

"Pray for One Another"

Please pray this week for the following members and families:

Scott & Jessica Krauth, Bella, Anders, Tatum; Roy & Donna Latimer; Leigh & Brian Lavorgna, Amilia; Susan Lawrence; Christ & Jennifer Lee, Oscar, Bea; Mary Lindner; Claudia Ludlow; Kim Lounsberry; Robert & Sheri Mastin, Davis; Gloria McCabe.

Words of Institution

Prayer After Communion

Offering

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***Closing Hymn**

O Word of God Incarnate
Glory to God Hymnal #459

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O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:
we praise you for the radiance that from the hallowed page,
a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

The church from you, dear Savior, received this gift divine;
and still that light is lifted on all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass that, all life's voyage through,
amid the rocks and quicksands still guides, O Christ, to you.

O make your church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold
to bear before the nations your true light, as of old;
O teach your wandering pilgrims by this our path to trace,
till, clouds and storms thus ended, we see you face to face.

Benediction

Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him all creatures here below,
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Organ Response

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

William Dix

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