

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

January 1, 2023

First Sunday After Christmas

PREPARATION, PROMISES, AND PRAISE

(We invite you to quiet yourself in preparation for the worship of God when you hear the prelude music.)

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO SHARE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

Prelude "Away In a Manger" arr. Busarow

Call to Worship Mr. Edward Bennett

Leader: Long ago, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;

People: now God has spoken to us by a Son.

Leader: God made the world through the Son,
who has been appointed heir of all things
and the perfect reflection of God's glory.

**People: The Son is the exact representation of God's being,
sustaining all things by his powerful Word.**

Leader: Praise God for the gift of the Son.

People: We welcome the light of the world! —based on Hebrews 1:1-3

*Hymn "Angels from the Realms of Glory" No. 218

*Prayer of Adoration

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of the Bethlehem star, everyone is searching for your light shining in the face of Christ. The Magi sought Christ simply to worship him. But Herod sought him to appease his jealous anger. We confess that our motives in seeking Jesus are not pure. We do not come simply to worship: we come to Christ, asking his benefits of reassurance, health, wealth; asking him to fulfill the hundred petitions for not-so-important requests that we heap before him. But the Magi sought first the kingdom. Help us, God, to follow their example, putting our own need in perspective, worshiping the Christ in love, content to be in your presence, and laying our gifts before you. Then may we journey, trusting that your goodness and light will accompany us all the days of our life. Amen.

—based on Matthew 2:1-16; 6:33

*Assurance of Pardon

Beloved, this is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. Thanks be to God! —1 John 1:5-7

*Gloria Patri No. 579

LISTENING TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Hymn of Preparation "On Christmas Night All Christian Sing" No. 227

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson: Romans 5:1-5 Page 1116

Leader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Carol Medley "What Child Is This" No. 213

"Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" No. 229

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" No. 216

Scripture Lesson: Romans 8:1-30 Page 1118

Sermon "Hope in the New Year" Mr. Edward Bennett

RESPONSE IN DEDICATION AND OBEDIENCE

Prayers of the People of God and Our Lord's Prayer

*Affirmation of Faith "The Apostles' Creed" Page 742

The Offering of Ourselves to God and to One Another

Our Greetings

Offertory "Coventry Carol" arr. Cundick

*"The Doxology" No. 731

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" No. 521

Amen "Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, oh Israel. Amen!"

Postlude "We Three Kings" arr. Young

*The Congregation is asked to stand, as you are able.

CALENDAR

Today, 1/1 - Worship, 10:30 am
Monday, 1/2 - Church office closed on Mondays
Tuesday, 1/3 - Men’s ZOOM Bible Study, 12:00 pm; Adult Bible Study (ABS), 5:15 pm
Wednesday, 1/4 - Youth Group, 6:00 pm
Thursday, 1/5 - Men’s Breakfast, 7:00 am; Men’s Bible Study, 2:30 pm
Friday, 1/6 - Prayer mtg., 9:30 am

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REMINDERS

Elders: Rae Brown & Bob Broyles
Sound System: Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Rea Brown
Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30): Jan. 1 - Sandy McCullar; Jan. 8 - Ed & Linda Kappus; Jan. 15 - Teal Bennett; Jan. 22 - Bud & Jessie Derey; Jan. 29 - Nancy Gillespie
Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30): Jan. 1 - Charles Speck; Jan. 8 - Jesse & Bettie Barnard; Jan. 15 - Ron & T.K. Sharpley; Jan. 22 - Andrea Guillard; Jan. 29 - Deborah Mattern
Deacons on Duty: Jan. 1 - Kim Smith, Marlene Flynn; Jan. 8 - Sheila Harms, Marcia Ridenhour; Jan. 15 - Brenda White-Edwards, Linda Brown; Jan. 22 - Pat Guerrant, Carolyn Keyes; Jan. 29 - Lynn Wimmer
Acolytes: Jan. 8 - Emma and Kylie Woolard; Jan. 15 - Elizabeth Rice; Jan. 22 - Bryleigh Trevett; Jan. 29 - Charlotte Bain
Children's Worship: Jan. 8 - Jesus’ Baptism; Leader: Diana Harvey; Greeter: Mike Trail; Jan. 15 - The Mustard Seed; Leader: Anne Webb; Greeter: Charlie Bain; Jan. 22 - The Leaven: Leader: Natalie McLaughlin; Greeter: Sally Bain; Jan. 29 - The Great Pearl: Leader: TBA; Greeter: Eliza Bain

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PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE WEEK: - Pray your children will sanctify the Lord’s name. Isaiah 29:23

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PCC Food Needs - January - Dry cereal

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Hearing devices are located in the Narthex to assist in listening to today’s service

Pastor: The Rev. Robert D. Smith
Director of Music & Children’s Ministries: Mrs. Patricia K. Trail
Director of Youth & Christian Education: Mr. Pete G. Guillard
Organist: Mr. William Turner
Handbell Director: Dr. Erma Rose