

1st Sunday after Christmas 2018

THE GATHERING

Ringing the 1887 Bell

Carillon Processional

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude "O Come, All Ye Faithful" setting, Chuck Marohnic

* Call to Worship

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

All: Praise the Lord from the earth!

One: Young and old alike, men and women together. Praise the Lord!

* Opening Hymn

"Joy To The World" arr. Dan Galbraith
(see projection)

Prayer of the Day (*unison*)

O God, into a realm of clerics and kings you sent your child to teach the wise and show the world what power there is in love. Keep us vigilant to hear the voices of those who speak your truth. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Call to Confession

One: Because we have passed through the waters of baptism, we dare to bare our souls before God and reveal the bitterness that dwells in our hearts.

All: Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

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; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: In Jesus Christ God saved us, not because of any good works that we have done, but according to God's mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. People of God, rejoice!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

* **Response #126** "Jesus, Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child"

* The Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you. (*Take a moment to greet each other with the peace of Christ*)

* **Hymn #113** "Angels We Have Heard On High"

Time for Young Disciples

Rev. Meggan Farwell

All: You're beautiful! God loves you! And we love you too!

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

By the breath of your Spirit inspire us, that in the hearing of your Word we may be filled with new understanding and fresh desire to please you in all we do, for the sake of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Pew Bible – OT p.246

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

String Band Anthem

"Go Tell It On The Mountain"

arr. Dan Galbraith

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:41-52

Pew Bible – NT p.59

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Lamb Parenting"

Rev. Dr. Luke Farwell

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

Hymnal, pg. 35

* **Hymn #132**

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Musical Offertory

"Appalachian Christmas Carol"

setting, John Ness Beck

* Please stand as you are able

Bold type indicates text to be spoken or song to be sung by the congregation.

* Doxology #143 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" vs. # 1 & 4

* Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

Loving God: We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.
Receive the gifts we offer in union with Christ's gift for us. Clothe us with
compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, that we may be Christ
for others. In his name we pray. Amen.

THE SENDING OUT

* Closing Hymn #110 "Love Has Come"

* Charge & Benediction

* Postlude "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" arr. Chip Davis



*Following worship, deacons will be available to pray with you
in the prayer room if needed.*

Our beautiful Chancel Flowers are given by LAC.

Assisting in Worship This Morning

Liturgist: Cindi Barnett

Acolytes: Ian Mackey & Noah Jensen

Ushers: Dennis Hibray, Marilyn Heim, Sharon Carpiaux &
Lou Seiler

Organist: Julie Mackey

String Band Director: Ted Huebbe

Elder of the Month: Ted Huebbe

Deacons of the Month: Mike Kettner & Wanda Bauer

Tech Crew: Mark Young, Ted Huebbe, Steve Marks, & Joe Williams

Fellowship: Corday & Sydney Goddard

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