

✠ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** "The Apostles' Creed" (*unison*)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen!

**Go Out as God's People in the World**

✠ **Closing Hymn HB #462:** "Once in David's Royal City"

✠ **BENEDICTION:** by *Kathy Wallace*

✠ **POSTLUDE** by *Tracy (Yu) Qian*

Following today's service please join us in the upstairs hall for coffee & conversation.



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**December 26, 2021**

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**Today's Worship Leaders:**

Officer Leading & Preaching: Kathy Wallace

Organist/Pianist: Tracy (Yu) Qian

# The Lord's Day Worship

December 26, 2021

Worship, 11am

Assisted Listening Devices are available in the Sanctuary during Worship.

If you need instructions, please see the Greeter.

*(Those not wanting to be seen on the video recording, please sit under the balcony.)*

*Hymnals: HB is "The Hymnbook" (burgundy) & HoF is "Hymns of Faith" (scarlet)*

## Gathering of God's People

*After the chimes, please be in quiet reverence & silence cell phones.*

### 3 RINGS OF THE STEEPLE BELL & CHIMES

WELCOME by Kathy Wallace

ANNOUNCEMENTS (See insert.)

PRELUDE by Tracy (Yu) Qian & ADVENT CANDLES by Kathy Wallace

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† CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 94:12-15 (responsively):

*Blessed is the one you discipline, Lord, the one you teach from your law; you grant them relief from days of trouble, till a pit is dug for the wicked.*

**For the Lord will not reject his people; he will never forsake his inheritance. Judgment will again be found on righteousness, and all the upright in heart will follow it.**

† Opening Hymn HB #403: "Tell Me the Old, Old Story"

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (unison):

Your timing Lord is always perfect, but the wait seems long to us. Forgive our impatience. Forgive us for rushing ahead, taking matters into our own hands, instead of waiting on you.

*(Pause in silent confession.)*

† ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS: (responsively)

*Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.*

**Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.**

**The Old life had gone; a new life has begun.**

*Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.*

**Amen.**

† GLORIA PATRI / RESPONSE: (unison) 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.

## Proclamation of God's Word

† CALL TO GOD'S WORD: John 10:35 & Romans 4:3 (unison)

"Scripture cannot be set aside... What does Scripture say?"

† PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: (unison)

Lord, through your Spirit enable us to consider your Word, and to enact it in our lives to bring you glory and praise. Amen.

SCRIPTURE:

Luke 2:21-50

N.T. pg. 1460-1

SERMON takeaway: "Who or What Is Your Instructor and Who Are You Teaching?"

*By Kathy Wallace*

## Response to God's Word

† Hymn of Response HB #390: "Open My Eyes, that I May See"

PRAYERS of JOYS & CONCERNS followed by LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

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.

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP (along with tithing, consider giving to Gravehaven to work against human trafficking of youth in Ohio)

OFFERTORY to prayerfully consider giving in thankfulness

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (unison)

Jesus, in view of your mercy, we offer up thanks thru giving. Amen.

† DOXOLOGY: (unison) 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.