

✠ **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 HoF #125:** “Hark, the Herald, Angels Sing”

Dismissal of Sunday school youth, teachers, & assistants after worship.

✠ **BLESSING & CHARGE / VISION & MISSION** (*responsively*):

To walk in the light of God;

making JESUS known is FIRST at First!

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

✠ **POSTLUDE** by Meghan Lance

Following today’s service please come to upper hall for cake to celebrate this month’s birthdays & anniversaries



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The Reverend Dr. Janet Hufford at 412-877-9310

Happy 2nd week of Advent!



Today’s Worship Leaders:

Musicians: Brent Miller and Meghan Lance

Officer Assisting: Leslie Crawford

Advent Candles: Brian, Genie, Gabe & Alaina Dixon

Preacher: Kathy Wallace, Ruling Elder

December 4, 2022 – **2nd Sunday of Advent** - Worship, 11am

Assisted Listening Devices are available in the Sanctuary during Worship.

If you need instructions, please seek assistance.

*(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 Leslie Crawford

ANNOUNCEMENTS (See insert.)

PRELUDE by Brent Miller

CALL To WORSHIP as ADVENT CANDLES OF HOPE & PEACE are LIT:

The Advent season continues by lighting the candles of hope & peace.

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will

be on his shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor,

Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6

✠ stand as able

✠ **Opening Hymn HoF #366:** "Near to the Heart of God"

✠ **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** based on Rev 5:4 & Rm 3:23 (unison):

(Pause in silent confession.)

Not one of us is worthy to open the scroll & look inside, to know your

plans & will, for all of us have sinned & fallen short of the glory of

God. Your forgiveness, Christ the Lamb is our only hope and peace.

We cry out to you & ask your mercy. Amen.

✠ **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 has 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)

SCRIPTURE: Revelation 5:1-14 N.T. pg. 1752-3

SERMON Takeaway: "Lamb Able to Open the Scroll"

by Kathy Wallace

Response to God's Word

✠ **Hymn of Response HoF #118:** "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

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

OFFERTORY to prayerfully consider giving in thankfulness.

(Receptacles for offerings are found at each exit.)

✠ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

✠ **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.