

✚ **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 #127: "Go Tell It on the Mountain"**

✚ **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.

No youth Sunday school or refreshments after church today, for time with families on Christmas day!

✚ **POSTLUDE** by Brent Miller

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See insert for **ANNOUNCEMENTS**.

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December 25, 2022

FOR PASTORAL CARE, PLEASE CALL:

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



Today's Worship Leaders:

Organist/Pianist: Brent Miller

Officer Assisting: Leslie Crawford

Pastor: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Hufford

The Lord's Day Worship

December 25, 2022 – Christmas Day - 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 BELLS & CHIMES

WELCOME by Leslie Crawford

ANNOUNCEMENTS (See insert.)

PRELUDE by Brent Miller & ADVENT CANDLES by Johnsons/Peters

✠ stand as able

✠ **CALL TO WORSHIP** (Old Testament: Isaiah 62:11-12a) (responsively)

The Lord has made proclamation to the ends of the earth:

Say to Daughter Zion, "See, Your Savior comes! See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him." They will be called the Holy People, the Redeemed of the Lord...

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

✠ **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** (Epistle: Titus 3:3) (unison)

(Pause in silent confession.)

"At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another." Amen.

✠ **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:** (Epistle: Titus 3:4-7) (responsively)

But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.

He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

✠ **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:**

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 97 (Psalm reading) O.T. pg.857
Luke 2:15-20 (Gospel reading) N.T. pg.1459

SERMON Takeaway: "They Spread the Word"
by the Reverend Dr. Janet Hufford.

Responding to God's Word

✠ **Hymn of Response HoF #123** "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"

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.