

✠ **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 HB #174:** "As with Gladness Men of Old" *Brent on organ*

✠ **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** *Brent on organ*

See insert for **ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

Thank you for your **OFFERINGS.** Please deposit them at the exits.

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December 25, 2022

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Today's Worship Leaders:

Musicians: Kathy Wallace & Brent Miller

Officer Assisting: Leslie Crawford

Pastor: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Hufford

Advent Candles: Johnsons/Peters

The Lord's Day Worship

December 25, 2022

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 Leslie Crawford

ANNOUNCEMENTS (See insert.)

PRELUDE Kathy piano **WHILE** Johnsons/Peters **LIGHT ALL ADVENT CANDLES**

✠ stand as able

✠ **CALL To WORSHIP:** Isaiah 60:1-4 (responsively):

Arise, shine, for your light has come,

and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.

See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appear over you.

Nations will come to your light,

and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look about you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the hip.

✠ **Opening Hymn** **HB #156:** "The First Noel"

Brent on organ

✠ **CALL OF CONFESSION:** Psalm 72:12-13

For he will deliver the needy who cry out, the afflicted who have no one to help. He will take pity on the weak and the needy and save the needy from death.

(Pause in silent confession.)

✠ **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** (unison):

We cannot be saved from our sin by any other. Deliver us, save us, forgive, O Lord. 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. *Brent on organ*

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: Ephesians 3:1-20 N.T. pg. 1666

SERMON Takeaway: "Out of His Glorious Riches"

by the Reverend Janet Hufford.

Response to God's Word

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.

✠ **Hymn of Response** **HB #176:** "We Three Kings"

Brent on organ

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP Isaiah 60:1-6

Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth of the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come. Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Midian and Ephah. And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the Lord.

OFFERTORY

Kathy on piano

(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. *Brent on organ*