

✠ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** (*unison*)

“The Nicene Creed”

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death, and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Go Out as God's People in the World

✠ **Closing Hymn HoF #127:** “Go Tell It on the Mountain” *Brent on organ*

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

✠ **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**

Brent on clavinova (pre-recorded music)

As led, please go to a station for **HEALING PRAYER**, either at the baptismal font or in the corresponding back corner of the sanctuary.

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

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Today's Worship Leaders:

Musicians: Kathy Wallace, Brent Miller & Brigid McGuire

Officer Assisting: Sally Kean

Pastor: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Hufford

The Lord's Day Worship

January 1, 2023

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

Brent on organ

WELCOME by Sally Kean

ANNOUNCEMENTS (See insert.)

PRELUDE Kathy on piano **WHILE** Sally **LIGHTS ALL ADVENT CANDLES**

✠ stand as able

✠ **CALL TO WORSHIP** (Old Testament: Isaiah 61:10a) (responsively)

I delight greatly in the Lord; my soul rejoices in my God.

For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness.

✠ **Opening HoF #118:** "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" *Brent on organ*

✠ **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** (unison):

(Pause in silent confession.)

Lord, your word instructs us to wait on you for your timing. But we confess our impatience. We confess that we quickly give up waiting on you in prayer, and instead move ahead of you and act on our own. Forgive our sin of impatience, in Jesus' name we pray, 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:**

GOSPEL with puppets:

Luke 2:22-40

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SERMON Takeaway:

"Appointed Time"

by the Reverend Dr. Janet Hufford.

✠ **Response HoF #123** "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" *Brent organ*

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

INVITATION

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING, followed by the **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.

WORDS of INSTITUTION

Start at front rows by center aisle to come forward for elements.

PARTAKE OF ELEMENTS (unison)

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING

Responding to God's Word

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY

Brigid McGuire on violin

(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*