

✠ **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!

Sent Out as God's People in the World

✠ **Closing Song** **HB 108** "God of Our Lives Thru All the Circling Years"

✠ **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**

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



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Sunday, 11am
December 31, 2023

**To walk in
the light of God;**

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Today's Worship Leaders:

Musician: Marcia Brannon

Candle Lighting:

GNC Pataskala Group Leader Betty Gieseck

Coordinator of Vocal Leaders: Kathy Wallace

Officer Assisting & Stewardship: Sally Kean

Pastor: The Reverend Dr. Janet Hufford

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: **green (Celebration)** & **red (The Hymnbook)**

Gathering of God's People

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

LIGHTING ALL CANDLES AT 3 RINGS OF THE STEEPLE BELL & CHIMES

WELCOME by Sally Kean

ANNOUNCEMENTS (See insert.)

PRELUDE

✠ stand as able

✠ **CALL To WORSHIP:** Jeremiah 31:3 (responsively)

The Lord appeared to us in the past, saying:

**"I have loved you with an everlasting love;
I have drawn you with unfailing kindness."**

✠ **Opening Song #343** "Amazing Grace"

✠ **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** based on Jeremiah 31:18-19 (unison)
(Pause in silent confession.)

**Lord, forgive us when we are unruly and have strayed. Return us to
your right paths. Help us to live according to your way, your word, and
your will. 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:**

Scripture: Prophets	Jeremiah 31:31-37	p. 1130
<i>Torah</i>	Genesis 6:18 & 9:8-17	p. 8 & 11
<i>Apocalyptic Letter</i>	Revelation 4:1-3	p. 1751

SERMON Takeaway: "New Covenant"
By the Reverend Dr. Janet Hufford

Response to God's Word

✠ **Song of Response #686** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

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.

SECONDS FOR STEWARDSHIP by Sally Kean

OFFERTORY (Receptacles for giving are 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.