

Second Sunday after Christmas

January 2, 2022

9:30 am

Gathering as God's Family

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Arise, shine, for your light has come

and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples:

but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Isaiah 60:1-3

Prelude

The First Nowell

Shelby Gaudio, Piano; Mina Choi, Organ

arr. Lani Smith

Prayer of Confession

God of wonder, God of night,

you are holy light in dark places;

you are holy darkness when all is too bright.

Forgive us, O God, when we turn away from your light:

when we follow our own ambitions instead of your call,

when we respond to your presence with fear rather than joy.

Forgive us, O God,

when we do not comprehend the depth of your Christmas love,

the meaning of your powerful story,

or the call you place on each of our lives.

Forgive us, O God,

and by your forgiveness, empower us to follow the star once more.

(Moment of Silent Reflection and Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the Good News of the Gospel!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Proclaiming God's Word

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 2:1-12

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 2

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

** Those who are able, please stand*

*In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone.
Snow and fallen snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter long ago.*

*Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain
heaven and earth shall feel away, when he comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter, a stable place sufficed
the Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.*

*Enough for him, whom cherubim, worshipped night and day,
a breast full of milk, a manger full of hay.
Enough for Him, whom angels, fall down before,
the ox and ass and camel, which adore.*

*What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.
If I were a wise man, I would do my part.
Yet what can I give him, give my heart.*

Time with the Children

(After the message, children ages four through third grade may leave for Children's Worship Time. Parents are asked to pick-up their child after the service in Room 207, which is directly across the bridge.)

Sermon

“A Meaningful Gift”

Dr. John M. Willingham

“Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.”—Matthew 2:11b

Responding to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Concerns of the Church

(Persons nearest the center aisle are asked to sign and pass the Act of Friendship pad toward the outside aisle. Please keep the cover open as the pad is returned.)

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

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.

Offering of Our Gifts and Lives

(To give online or via text message, click the "Give" tab at the top of our website.)

Offertory

Thee We Adore

arr. Robert Hebble

*Congregational Response 394 *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* WESTMINSTER ABBEY
**Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one:
one in might and one in glory while unending ages run!**

*Prayer of Dedication

Going Forth in God's Name

*Hymn 151

We Three Kings of Orient Are

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*Chalking the Doors and Benediction

*Postlude

In Dulci Jubilo

J.S. Bach

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Lay Leader: Marie Stevens.

Assisting: Pauline Sexton.



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Let's Connect! Do you have a prayer request or want to share a joy or concern? We want to hear from you! Visit www.dtownpc.org and click "Connect" at the top of the page to contact us or scan this QR code with your smart phone camera.

Today's Prayer of Confession is taken from *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching and the Arts*. Vol. 54.1, p. 38.

Environmental Discussion Series: The Peace & Justice Committee presents a series on Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si*. Join us in Andrews Hall 213 on Wednesdays **Jan. 19-Feb. 9** at 6-7:30 pm as we reflect on our role in addressing climate change.



Starting **January 9**, we will offer two worship services each week with Sunday School for all ages occurring in between. The **8:30 am** gathering will be 45 minutes in length and offer a more informal feel as it blends familiar components of worship with other Christian traditions from various cultures, times and places. The **10:30 am** service will continue our traditional pattern of worship and include the Chancel Choir and a Time with the Children. The latter service will be livestreamed too and offer a recorded version that can be viewed later. Whichever time or style works best for you, join us as we begin a new year of offering our praise to God for the life we have received in Jesus Christ.

SESSION

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