

# First Sunday after Christmas

December 26, 2021

9:30 am

## Gathering as God's Family

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Isaiah 60:1-3

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 appears over you.

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

Prelude

*Gesù Bambino*  
Bridgette Johnson, Soprano

Pietro Yon

*When blossoms flowered 'mid the snows upon a winter night  
was born the Child, the Christmas Rose, The King of Love and Light.  
The angels sang, the shepherds sang, the grateful earth rejoiced,  
and at his blessed birth the stars their exultation voiced.  
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

*Again the heart with rapture grows to greet the holy night  
that gave the world its Christmas Rose, its King of Love and Light.  
Let every voice acclaim his name, the grateful chorus swell,  
from paradise to earth he came that we with him might dwell.  
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God,**

**who was and is and ever will be.**

**It was only a few days ago that we celebrated the coming of Christ**

**but now we have gotten into our pattern to relax.**

**Whatever brightness that was glimmering a few days ago has dimmed.**

**We live our love for you at some times, and become very selfish at other times.**

**Sometimes we love the light and sometimes we live in darkness.**

**Have mercy on us and forgive us for Christ's sake. Amen.**

(Moment of Silent Reflection and Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the Good News of the Gospel!

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

*\* Those who are able, please stand*

# Proclaiming God's Word

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 7:13-14  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Pew Bible, NRSV (OT), p. 636

Anthem

*The Work of Christmas*  
Bridgette Johnson, Soprano

Dan Forrest

*When the song of the angels is stilled  
when the star in the sky is gone,  
when the kings and princes are home,  
when the shepherds are back with their flock,  
the work of Christmas begins:  
to find the lost, to heal the broken,  
to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner,  
to rebuild the nations;  
to bring peace among brothers,  
to make music from the heart.*

Time with the Children

*(After the message, children will return to the pews.)*

New Testament Lesson: Luke 2:22-40

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 59

Sermon

Becca Bateman, John Mulder, Eileen Telly  
*"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign."—Isaiah 7:14a*

## Responding to God's Word

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

*Reflection*

Michael Helman

\*Congregational Response 143    *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*  
**All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,  
evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:  
come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn king!**

REGENT SQUARE

\*Prayer of Dedication

## Going Forth in God's Name

\*Hymn 133

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

ADESTE FIDELES

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

*Christ, the Only Son of God*

J.S. Bach

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**Lay Leader:** Doug Barnett.

**Christian Sympathy.** The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Patricia Murphy on her death on December 19. We hold this family in prayer in their time of loss.

**Adoption Announcement.** The rose on the Communion Table marks the adoption of Cody Wade Craig, son of Jonathan and Megan Craig, on December 22, the proud DPC grandparents are Cameron and Susan Craig and Rick Lamb.



**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](http://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.

**Red Cross Blood Drive.** We encourage you to donate this year by visiting Andrews Hall from 1 to 6 pm on December 29 as we pull together to help save lives. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit [www.RedCrossBlood.org](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org) and enter "Doylestown Presby" to set up an appointment.

**Upcoming worship services.** We will have one service on January 2 at 9:30 am. On January 9 we begin two services with worship at 8:30 and 10:30 am, with Sunday School for all ages in between. The later service will include Children's Worship Time, the Chancel Choir, and be Livestreamed with a recorded version able to be viewed anytime. Be sure to visit our website for more details.

### Year-End Giving Information

Contributions must be received in the church office by 3 pm on Friday, December 31 or postmarked with a 2021 date in order to meet the IRS requirements for a 2021 charitable contribution. Checks that are dated, mailed, and *postmarked* in 2021 will be deductible (if eligible) in 2021, even if they are not delivered by the post office to DPC until 2022. Contributions received or postmarked after that date will not appear on your Charitable Contributions Report for 2021. For questions, contact Linay Richards at [linayr@dtownpc.org](mailto:linayr@dtownpc.org).

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