

Second Sunday of Christmas

January 2, 2022

9:30 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you. If you are visiting with us, please introduce yourself to the pastor following the service.

*Congregation standing for those who are able

Our Approach to God

Prelude *Welcome to our World* arr. Bomber
CCLI #2317391

The Call to Worship

Praise the Lord, O you people.

We joyfully proclaim Christ is here!

The God of all creation animates our bodies with the breath of the Spirit.

The Lord, the giver of life, has come to dwell among us.

Let us worship the Lord together.

Amen.

*The Hymn of Praise *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun* 423
Congregation sings verses 1 & 2

*The Call to Confession

Who is worthy to stand before God? None but Christ alone. The Son of God came in the flesh of a human body to live among us. It is Christ who redeems us, gathering our tears and our fears, redeeming each and every one. With this confidence let us confess our sin before God and one another.

*The Prayer of Confession

Gather us, your children who run and hide, ashamed, afraid, apathetic. We trade your goodness for ashes. We trade your peace for control. We trade your promise for certainty. Gather us to you and return us to your abundant mercy; may it flow over us, renewing our weary souls.

Hear us now Lord, as we approach you from the silence of our heart with our individual intentions.(silence)

By the light of the Christ child, lead us on a path of goodness and righteousness, as we seek to love all of your bountiful creation.

*The Assurance of Pardon

The light of all life and the breath of all creation claims you, calling you "good" from the very beginning, very good. Believe the good news:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*The Response

Sanctuary

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Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary. Pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

The Special Music *Sing We Now of Christmas* arr. Hayes
One License #292658

The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The Old Testament Reading *Psalm 147:12-20* page 692 OT

The Gospel Reading *John 1:1-18* page 123 NT

The Sermon "Jesus Made His Tent Among Us" Pastor Philomena

Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles Creed* hymnal page 14

*The Hymn *In the Bleak Midwinter* 36
Congregation sings verses 1 & 3

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory *Of the Father's Love Begotten* arr. Carter
One License #106179

*The Doxology

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.

*The Prayer of Dedication

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Invitation

Announcements and Upcoming Events

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