

January 1, 2023
First Sunday of Christmas

PRELUDE “Vater Unser im Himmelreich” Krieger
 (“Our Father Who Art in Heaven”)

WELCOME

OPENING SENTENCES Luke 2:10-11; Col. 3:15, 16; Luke 2:30-32
There is good news of great joy for all!
Our Savior is born: the Messiah, the Lord.
Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts;
let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.
Now we have seen the saving love of the Lord,
the glory of God’s people and a light to all.
Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+**HYMN #174** “Angels from the Realms of Glory” REGENT SQUARE

CALL TO CONFESSION Titus 2:11-12

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
God of grace and truth,
in Jesus Christ you came among us
as light shining in darkness.
We confess that we have not welcomed the light,
or trusted good news to be good.
We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst,
expecting little, and hoping for less.

Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope,
so that we may receive the fullness of your grace,
and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Titus 2:14
... we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN #147 “Away in a Manger” AWAY IN A MANGER

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... O Christ, our light,
hear our prayer.

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE Luke 2:12; Mic. 5:4;
 Luke 13:29; 24:30-31

GREAT THANKSGIVING
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts!
We lift them to the Lord!
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!
It is right to give our thanks and praise....

THE LORD’S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION 1 Cor. 11:23-26

COMMUNION “Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak” CANONBURY
 All are welcome at the table.
 You will be invited to come forward.
 A gluten-free option is available.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Christ Jesus, born among us,
as a mother feeds her child with her body,
so you feed us with yours,
giving us the bread to eat and the cup to drink.
May these gifts of grace nourish us deeply,
that we may become your body in the world
and live as instruments of your great love. Amen.

INVITATION TO OFFERING John 1:16

OFFERTORY “It Is Well with My Soul” VILLE DU HAVRE

+**RESPONSE #173** “O Come, All Ye Faithful” (refrain) ADESTE FIDELES
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

+**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *The Heidelberg Catechism*
 (Germany, 1563)

Q. Why are you called a Christian?
A. Because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in
his anointing. I am anointed to confess his name, to present
myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a free
conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to
reign with Christ over all creation for eternity.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Numbers 6:22-27

PSALM Psalm 8

O LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!—
you whose glory is chanted above the heavens
out of the mouths of infants and children;

you have set up a fortress against your enemies,
to silence the foe and avenger.
When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,
human beings that you should care for them?

Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and honor you crown them.
You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet:
all flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts of the field,
the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.
O LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Philippians 2:5-11

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 2:15-21

RESPONSE Luke 2:19
Treasure these words and ponder them in your heart.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON “The Holy Name of Jesus” Rev. Bill Pinches

+**HYMN #185** “We Three Kings of Orient Are” KINGS OF ORIENT

+**BLESSING** Isa. 60:1
... The glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
Alleluia!

+**CHARGE** John 1:7
Go now and bear witness to the light of Christ.
Amen.

POSTLUDE “Fugue” Fischer

Join us for fellowship after worship.
It is not necessary to remain seated during the postlude.

SERVING US TODAY
Guest Organist: Caitlyn Brown
Liturgist: Greg Lang
Greeters: Mary Ozee and Monte Shuck
Sound: Andrew Pinches
Livestream: Tami Chapman
Security: Andrew Pinches
Today’s flowers are given by
Carma Philip
in memory of
Ruth and Joel Riley

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DAILY PRAYER

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in your podcast app, or go to www.buzzsprout.com/1466482

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday	Church Office closed (for New Year's Day)	
	Mission Committee	4:00 pm
Wednesday	Lunch Packing for Advent House	10:30 am
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:00 pm
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
Thursday	Administration Committee	7:00 pm
	Board of Deacons	7:00 pm
Friday	Epiphany of the Lord	
	Church Office closed / Pastor's Sabbath	
Saturday	Yarners	10:00 am

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Rod Guy Jan. 5

Mason First Presbyterian Church

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IHS monogram
on top of the main altar
at the Church of the Gesù
in Rome, Italy

The fruit of the Spirit
is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity,
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
(Galatians 5:22-23)

CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#16. Andrew:

After the apostles were scattered, legends say that the apostle Andrew preached the Gospel along the north side of the Black Sea (modern Ukraine) and beyond.

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 48. How do you understand the words that "he will come again to judge the living and the dead"?

Like everyone else, I too must stand in fear and trembling before the judgment seat of Christ. But the Judge is the one who submitted to judgment for my sake. Nothing will be able to separate me from the love of God in Christ Jesus my Lord. All the sinful failures that cause me shame will perish as through fire, while any good I may have done will be received with gladness by God.

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