

January 5, 2025
Second Sunday of Christmas

PRELUDE "Berceuse" Vierne

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES

The Word became flesh and lived among us
and we have seen his glory.
The true light that enlightens everyone
has come into the world.
Glory to God who has blessed us in Christ.
Glory to God forever!

John 1:9-14

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+CAROL: GTG #147 "The First Nowell" THE FIRST NOWELL

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God,
we confess that we are a distracted people
and forgetful of your love.
We make selfish choices,
hurt each other, and perpetuate injustice in your world.
We have sinned against you and are deeply sorry
and repent of our disregard of you, each other, and your creation.
By the power of your Spirit,
forgive, restore, and strengthen us
to live in your light and walk in your truth;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

... By the power of God's Spirit,
forgive yourself and forgive others
as God in Christ has forgiven you.
Thanks be to God!

CAROL: GTG #129 "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" ES IST EIN' ROS'

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... Light of the world,
shine in our lives.

Younger children are dismissed to Kids Church

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

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

*All are welcome at the table of the Lord.
A gluten-free option is available
on the table at the rear of the sanctuary.*

*Partake of the bread when it comes to you,
mindful of your communion with Christ.
Hold the cup and we will all drink together,
mindful of our communion with one another.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy and astounding God,
at this table, in this meal,
we have been met by Christ—
the reflection of your glory,
the imprint of your being.
As we go from this place
may our lives be a joyful song,
proclaiming the good news
of your righteousness and peace
for all the world. Amen.

CAROL: GTG #146 TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM
"Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"

Older children and youth are dismissed to Kids Church

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY "We Gather Together" Kremser

+RESPONSE: GTG #113 "Angels We Have Heard on High" (refrain) GLORIA
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

LESSON FROM THE DEUTEROCANONICAL/APOCRYPHAL BOOKS

Sirach 24:1-12 Apoc. page 68
Wisdom lives among God's people

LESSON FROM THE DEUTEROCANONICAL/APOCRYPHAL BOOKS

Wisdom of Solomon 10:15-21 Apoc. page 39
Praising the Holy Name

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Ephesians 1:3-14 N.T. page 148

The will of God made known in Christ

GOSPEL LESSON John 1:1-18 N.T. page 70
God with us

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE *Heb. 1:2*

Now God has spoken to us through Jesus Christ the Son.
Thanks be to God.

CAROL: GTG #108 "Of the Father's Love Begotten" DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

SERMON "Before the Foundation of the World" Rev. Bill Pinches

+CAROL: GTG #151 "We Three Kings of Orient Are" KINGS OF ORIENT

+CHARGE

Go forth in the grace of Christ. *John 1:1-18*
We rejoice in his grace.
Go forth in the light of Christ.
We walk in his light.
Go forth in the love of Christ.
We serve in his love. Amen.

+BLESSING

May God, the fount of all Wisdom, bless you *Wis. 10:17*
and guide you this day and always. **Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE "Fugue in G minor, BWV 578" Bach

**You are invited to join us
for fellowship and refreshments
after worship in the Memorial Room.**
It is not necessary to remain seated during the postlude.

SERVING US TODAY

Liturgist: Brandon Leffew
Guest Organist: Caitlyn Brown
Communion Servers: Abel, Evelyn, Gift, and Keren Tayong
Greeters: Vicki Drown and Nancy Sue MacDonald
Next Week's Greeters: Sandy Diehl and Ray Strayer
Sound: Marty Subject
Livestream: Tami Chapman
Security: Dan Baker

CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#11: Breakout:

The church keeps growing as the apostles talk about Jesus and heal many people. The High Priest arrests the apostles — and an angel sets them free. (*Acts 5:12-42*)

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 38. Why was the title “Christ,” which means “anointed one,” applied to Jesus?

Jesus Christ was the definitive prophet, priest and king. All of the Lord’s anointed in Israel anticipated and led finally to him. In assuming these offices Jesus not only transformed them, but also realized the purpose of Israel’s election for the sake of the world.

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Deacons-Elect: Donna Archer, Rick Cote, Debbie Johnson, Issie Nielsen

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today	Adult Sunday School (<i>The Chosen</i>)	11:30 am
Monday	Epiphany of the Lord	
	Mission Committee	4:00 pm
Wednesday	Lunch Packing for Advent House	10:15 am
	Prayer Fellowship (<i>in the Chapel</i>)	12:00pm
	Wonderful Wednesday	4:00—6:00 pm
	Wednesday Night Dinner	6:00 pm
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm
	Choir Rehearsal	7:10 pm
Thursday	Finance Committee	8:00 am
	Spiritual Growth Committee	6:00 pm
	Board of Deacons	7:00 pm
Friday	Church Office closed / Pastor’s Sabbath	

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Jan. 5: Davis Baker

Jan. 5: Rod Guy

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