

Hearing God's Call to Become Community

Prelude "I Wonder as I Wander" # 161

Welcome and Announcements

***Hymn of Gathering** "O Come, All Ye Faithful" # 148

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; come and behold him, born the King of angels;

REFRAIN: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

2. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing all ye citizens of heaven above; Glory to God all glory to the highest; REFRAIN

3. Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger, we would embrace thee with love and awe; who would not love thee loving us so dearly? REFRAIN

4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born for our salvation, Jesus, to thee be all glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; REFRAIN

Seeking God's Mercy and Pardon

***Responsive Call to Worship** (*Ephesians 1: 3-10*) Roy McLellan

L: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

C: For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love

L: he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—

C: to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.

L: In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace

C: that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding,

L: he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ,

ALL: to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

Proclaiming and Hearing the Word

The Text "John 1: 1-18" (NIV)

Message "The Light in the Darkness" Rev. Schwartz

Time for Giving

Call for Our Offerings Roy McLellan

Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" # 46

*Prayer of Dedication

Receiving the Visible and Tangible Signs of God's Grace

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Congregational/Pastoral Prayer

Communion Meditation and Invitation Roy McLellan

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

Departing to Serve Where God Leads

Closing Hymn "Go Tell It on the Mountain" # 167

Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

1. While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, behold throughout the heavens there shown a holy light. Refrain:

2. The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo! above the earth, rang out the angel chorus that hailed the Savior's birth. Refrain:

3. Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born, and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. Refrain:

*Benediction Rev Schwartz

Postlude "Angels We Have Heard on High" # 155

January 3, 2021

Second Sunday after Christmas Day
Liturgical Color: White

John 1: 1-18 (NIV)

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸ He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

⁹ The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him.

¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

¹⁵ (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'")

¹⁶ Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

L: These are Words from the Lord

P: Thanks be to God!

Happy New Year 2021

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Welcome! May your Journey of Faith be encouraged while you seek God here today.