

SHALLOWFORD PRESBYTERIAN



INVITING ALL PEOPLE TO A FAITHFUL WAY OF LIFE IN CHRIST AND IN COMMUNITY

Service for the Lord's Day

December 30, 2018

10:00 a.m.

First Sunday after Christmas

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

GATHERING WORDS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Greensleeves
Robin Hensley, organ

—Ralph Vaughn Williams

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

All you who are thirsty,

Come drink from the waters of life!

All you who are weary,

Come bathe, be refreshed in God's river!

All you who long for peace,

Come rest in the clear, silent pools of God's love!

Let us worship God!

Inspired by Isaiah 55:1-3,
by Garry Deverell (<http://deverell.net/index.html>)

✠ HYMN No. 143

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

✠ CALL TO CONFESSION

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of this moment, we confess that we often fail to see you. Even in a season dedicated to your arrival, we forget that you will show up in the most unexpected ways. We praise your birth and sing songs to your glory, but we do not search for you in the corners of our heart. We put ourselves before you. Forgive us Lord, so that we might slow down enough to see your arrival in all the moments around us. Guide us back to you, Amen.

✠ KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

✠ ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

... in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

✠ RESPONSE

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

GLORIA PATRI

PARISH LIFE

✠ indicates all who are able may stand. Responses in **bold print** are read aloud.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

Mary's Little Boy Child
Barbara Houze, mezzo-soprano
Richard Houze, piano

–J. Hairston

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Children will remain in worship following the Children's Message.
Ages Kindergarten and under are welcome in the Nursery.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:41-52

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Isaac Toney

MOMENT FOR SILENT MEDITATION

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

‡AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

CALL FOR OFFERTORY

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Vom Himmel hoch, da komm ich her, BWV 769
Robin Hensley, organ

–J.S. Bach

‡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.**

OLD HUNDREDTH

‡PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE

‡HYMN No. 136

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

GO TELL IT

‡CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Noel Suisse
Robin Hensley, organ

–Louis-Claude Daquin

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This church welcomes you no matter who you are, where you come from, or why you are here. We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors open wide. If you are passing through, Godspeed; if you are looking for a home, stay here; if you need instruction, learn from us as we learn from you. We invite visitors to join us, but most of all, to return often.

For all who gather in worship and fellowship, please sign the Friendship Pad and include your street address, telephone number, and email address.

Our liturgist this morning is Kathryn Kent, an elder and college student.

Our guest organist this morning is Robin Hensley. We give thanks for her presence with us, while Wooyoung Kwon is away.

The cradle crosses at the baptismal font celebrate the birth of **Beverly June Cummings** and **Evelyn Anne Cummings**, the twin great granddaughters of Joe and Peggy Rowland and the daughters of Sarah and Joe Cummings.

The Faithful One Campaign continues! As a symbol of our trust in God, we ask each church member to place one extra dollar a week in the offering plate. Year to date, Shallowford's Faithful Ones contributed over \$23,700 to our 2018 operating fund, supporting our ministries and showing trust in God's abiding love and care. Give faithfully and with a faithful attitude...and each "faithful (one) will be richly blessed."

Child Care is available during both services in the nursery. From the atrium, enter the nursery through the double doors to the right of the Sanctuary. **Worship clipboards for children** are available in the Atrium.

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December 30 – January 6

Sunday, December 30 1st Sunday after Christmas
10:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, December 31
Church Office Closed

Tuesday, January 1
Church Office Closed

Wednesday, January 2
Church Office Closed
9:30 a.m. SOS Circle
6:30 p.m. NAMI Connection

Thursday, January 3
Church Office Closed
6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast

Friday, January 4
Church Office Closed

Sunday, January 6 Epiphany Sunday
8:45 a.m. First Worship
9:30 a.m. Confirmation Kick Off
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
12:00 p.m. Churchwide Lunch

The church office will reopen on
Monday, January 7.

WORSHIP ON JANUARY 6

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

PREACHING

John M. Semmes

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:1-12

MUSIC

Nicole Freitag, soprano
Anna Floyd, soprano



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