



Service for the Lord's Day

December 27, 2020

8:45 a.m.

First Sunday of Christmas

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

OPENING VOLUNTARY

O Come All Ye Faithful

arr. Dallas Blair

Lee King, trumpet Nicole Marane, organ

GATHERING WORDS AND GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 148:1-5a

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

Praise God, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

Praise God, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

Praise God, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Let us praise the name of the LORD!

HYMN

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, you have given us everything;
we have failed to respond with gratitude.
In Jesus Christ, you have given us your Word;
we answer with empty promises and lies.
In Jesus Christ, you have given us your light;
we try and hide ourselves from your glory.
In Jesus Christ, you have given us your life;
even this precious gift, we have not received.
Have mercy on us, O God; forgive us.
In Jesus Christ, give us the faith and power
to become what you have created us to be:
beloved children, full of grace and truth.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you!**

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:22-40

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Showing Up

Rev. Landon A. Dillard

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

Born in the Night, Mary's Child

Emily Floyd, Director of Music

–Geoffrey Ainger

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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 AND 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.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN NO. 136

Go, Tell It On the Mountain
Emily Floyd, Director of Music Ministries

GO TELL IT

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

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

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

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

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.
Go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!

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

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.
Go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Gloria in Excelsis Deo
Dr. Wooyoung Kwon, piano

–Mark Hayes