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"Where People and Community Matter"
A Matthew 25 Congregation

Sunday, December 28, 2025

First Sunday of Christmas

Eleven o' clock

Prelude

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Held

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome

*Call to Worship

Leader: We recount the gracious deeds of God,

all praiseworthy acts the Lord has done for us.

People: Praise God for coming to dwell among us, Emmanuel.

Leader: Praise God for the good news of Jesus,

the pioneer of our salvation.

People: Praise God for making us brothers and sisters in Christ.

Leader: Praise God who is present with us still,

lifting us up and carrying us.

People: God's glory shines in heaven and on earth.

Praise the Lord. Amen.

*Prayer of the Day

Loving God, Jesus shared our flesh and blood, and we share closeness with you. We thank you for making us your children, a divine chosen family. Make visible to us the ties that bind us to each other, to all creatures, and to you. Move us to guard each other's well being and to treat each other's struggles as our own, that we may live into the perfect kinship already ours through Jesus our brother, woven together by his Spirit. Amen.

*Hymn

"Once in Royal David's City"

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

(Unison)

Merciful God, in great love you have claimed us as your children. We confess that we have not loved you as we should. We grow weary and give up when the way is hard. We have not loved our brothers and sisters as you have intended. Forgive us when we fail to protect children, so vulnerable and precious in your sight. Forgive our misuse of power against people and against your creation. Help us to praise you by living in harmony and peace. Set us free from fear that we may wholly trust in you. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ who shared our flesh and blood. Amen.

(Please spend some time in silent confession.)

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri "Glory Be To The Father"

#579

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.

*The Peace

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

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.

Special Music

Children's Sermon Pastor Bob Henry

*Hymn "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" #27

Scriptures

Old Testament Lesson Jeremiah 31:15-17 p. 898 New Testament Lesson Matthew 2:13-23 p. 2

Sermon "Incarnation" Pastor Bob Henry

*Apostles Creed (Unison)

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.

Announcements

Dedication of Tithes and Gifts to the Lord

Offertory "O Little Town of Bethlehem" Redner

*Doxology "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow"

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.

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*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" #28

*Blessing

*Sending

Leader: Go in peace, Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" Thygerson

*Please stand if you are able to do so comfortably.