

THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, December 26, 2021

First Sunday of Christmas

11:00 a.m.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME

PRELUDE

The Holly and the Ivy

traditional English melody
Arr. Jay Rouse

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from Hebrews 1:1-4

Leader: Long ago, O God, You spoke to our ancestors by the prophets,

People: But in these last days, You have spoken to us by Your Son,

Leader: You appointed Your Son heir of all things.

People: Through Him, You also created the worlds.

Leader: Your Son is the reflection of Your glory and the exact imprint of Your very being,

People: And You sustains all things by Your powerful word.

Leader: When Your Son had made purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of Your Majesty on high,

People: Having become as much superior to angels as the name He has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God: we are the recipients of the gifts of Your Son and of Your love. Forgive us that too often we are ungrateful for Your surrounding goodness, that we feel alone when there are many who love us, that we despair even though Your strength is near at hand. Tear down the walls that isolate us, make strong the ties that bind us, and help us to walk together with joy in all Your ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord and King. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

WORDS WITH OUR YOUNG CHURCH

SOLO

David Deaton, tuba

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
SCRIPTURE

John 1:1-14

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks Be to God.

SERMON

“The Word Became Flesh”

Dr. Curtis Christian

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, 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

OFFERINGS FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY

I Wonder as I Wander

traditional Appalachian Melody

Arr. Mark Hayes

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Fum, Fum, Fum

Arr. Mark Hayes

*Those who are able, please stand

***Late Arrivals Seated