

THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, December 29, 2024

1st Sunday of Christmas

11:00 a.m.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Unto Us a Boy is Born

Noel Rawsthorne

INTROIT

Who Would Think That What Was Needed

WHITE ROSETTES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Psalm 148:1-14)

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens;

People: Praise the LORD in the heights! Praise the LORD, all the angels;

Leader: Praise the LORD, all the heavenly host! Praise the LORD, sun and moon;

People: Praise the LORD, all you shining stars! Praise the LORD, you highest heavens.

Leader: God has raised up a horn for the people,

People: Praise for all of God's faithful,

Leader: For the people of Israel who are close to the LORD.

People: Praise the LORD!

*HYMN #40

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord of light: dispel the darkness of sin from our hearts. Pardon our faults, forgive our transgressions, deliver us from evil, and redeem us from all our iniquities. Erase our sins from our lives, and claim us as Your own by faith in Christ, Whom You sent as our Savior. Grant us the assurance that we are Your forgiven children; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

KYRIE #572

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

WORDS WITH OUR YOUNG CHURCH

Children ages K-3rd grade are now invited downstairs for Children's Worship.

ANTHEM

Wexford Carol

arr. Don Michael Dicie

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Zephaniah 3:14-20 and Philippians 4:4-9

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks Be to God.

SERMON

"See What Love Can Do"

Rev. Steve Pace

*HYMN #24

Away in a Manger

CRADLE SONG

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.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #579

Gloria Patri

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERINGS FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #592

Old Hundredth

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #41

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION *Shepherds Watch and Wise Men Wonder*

WHITE ROSETTES

*POSTLUDE

I Saw Three Ships

Noel Rawsthorne

*Those who are able, please stand

***Late Arrivals Seated

Thank you Rev. Pace for being in our pulpit today.