

THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, January 2, 2022

11:00 a.m.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Colossians 2:12-17)

Leader: As God's chosen, let us clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, and humility.

**People: Let us bear with one another and forgive each other,
just as the Lord has forgiven us.**

Leader: Above all, let us clothe ourselves in love;

People: For love binds everything together in perfect harmony.

Leader: Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, calling each of us in one body.

People: Let the word of Christ dwell in us richly, teaching each of us in all wisdom.

Leader: With gratitude in our hearts, let us sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

**People: And whatever we do, in word or deed, let us do everything in the name of the
Lord Jesus Christ.**

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

RESPONSE

Kyrie

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

WORDS WITH OUR YOUNG CHURCH

ANTHEM

In the Bleak Midwinter
Madelynne Banderman, soprano

CRANHAM

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:41-52

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks Be to God.

SERMON

Searching for Ourselves—Finding God

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

OFFERTORY

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Go with Us, Lord

TALLIS' CANON

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

*Those who are able, please stand

***Late Arrivals Seated

*Thank you to Isaac Brooks, pianist.
Thank you to Madelynne Banderman, soprano.*