

THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, January 5, 2025

The Second Sunday of Christmas

11:00 a.m.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME

PRELUDE

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star

J. C. Bach

INTROIT

Justice Shall Flourish in His Time (from Psalm 72)
Isaac Brooks, soloist

Guimont

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Psalm 72:1-14)

Leader: Give the king your justice, O God,
People: And your righteousness to the king's Son.

Leader: For He delivers the needy when they call,

People: The poor and those who have no helper.

Leader: He has pity on the weak and the needy,

People: And saves the lives of the needy.

Leader: From oppression and violence He redeems their life;

People: And precious is their blood in His sight.

*HYMN #56

The First Nowell
verses 1, 3, 5

THE FIRST NOWELL

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most Merciful God: You have pointed the way to Christ by His star. But we have ignored His light and neglected so great a salvation. We have resisted Your Spirit and Your Word. The sins which we ought to have shunned, we have committed in Your sight, both openly and secretly. Have mercy upon us, most merciful God. Forgive us and help us to watch against temptations. Guide us by Your counsel and receive us into Your glory. In the name of Christ our Lord we pray. 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

A Brilliant Star Was Shining Bright

Sally Ann Morris

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:1-12

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks Be to God.

SERMON

Dr. Curtis Christian

*HYMN #63

As with Gladness Men of Old
verses 1 and 3

DIX

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

Carol of the Star

French Carol/version by D. Moore

Madelynne Brooks, mezzo-soprano

*DOXOLOGY #592

Old Hundredth

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #68

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright
verses 1, 3, 4

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Wise Men Long Foretold the Way

HUAN-SHA-CH'I

*POSTLUDE

*Those who are able, please stand

***Late Arrivals Seated

Today's Lay Reader is Tom Long.