

# THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, December 25, 2016

The Nativity of Our Lord—Christmas Day

11:00 a.m.

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

### GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* Mendelssohn/arr. Raney  
Edgar Gonsales and Lucas Metler, piano four-hands

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from John 1:1-18)

Leader: In the beginning was the Word.

**People: The Word was with God, and the Word was being God.**

Leader: The Word became flesh and lived among us,

**People: And we have seen His glory—the glory of a Father's only Son.**

Leader: The law indeed was given through Moses;

**People: But grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.**

Leader: No one has ever seen God;

**People: It is God's only Son Who has made Him known.**

CHORAL INTRODUCTION

*Venite Adoremus Dominum*  
Chancel Choir, Organ, and Handbells  
(Davis Crump and Lucas Metler, Bells)

Clark Kimberling

HYMN #41

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

ADESTE FIDELES

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O most gracious God: We confess that we are children of sin. We have sinned and have fallen short of Your glory. We have neglected and abused Your holy name. We have dealt unjustly with our neighbors, not loving them as we love ourselves. You revealed Your love to us in the birth of Jesus Christ, and have offered us pardon and salvation in Him. Guide us by Your counsel and receive us into Your glory. In the name of Christ 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

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## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

### WORDS WITH OUR YOUNG CHURCH

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

ANTHEM

*O Come, Let Us Adore Him*  
John Gump, flute

Liebergen

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

**Hebrews 1:1-4**

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks Be to God.**

SERMON

**"God Speaks"**

Dr. Curtis Christian

\*HYMN #25

*Away in a Manger*

CRADLE SONG

\*HYMN #23

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

GLORIA

## 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

*Gloria*

Gloria Patri

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

*Amen*

GLORIA

OFFERINGS FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY

*God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen*

arr. J. Raney

Edgar Gonsales and Lucas Metler, piano four-hands

\*DOXOLOGY #592

Old Hundredth

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN #40

*Joy to the World*

ANTIOCH

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

*O Holy Child of Bethlehem*

FOREST GREEN

POSTLUDE

\*Those who are able, please stand

\*\*\*Late Arrivals Seated

**Today's Lay Reader is Mary Harter.**