

THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, December 28, 2025

The First Sunday of Christmastide

11:00 a.m.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Les Anges Dans Nos Campagnes

J. de Montber

INTROIT

Now Praise the Lord (from Psalm 148)

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Psalm 148:1-14)

Leader: Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise the LORD in the heights!

People: Praise the LORD, all angels; praise the LORD all heavenly host!

Leader: Praise the LORD, sun and moon and shining stars!

People: Praise the LORD from the earth, fire and hail, snow and frost!

Leader: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for the LORD alone is exalted!

People: The LORD has raised up salvation for the people.

Leader: Praise for all God's faithful, for the people who are close to our God.

People: Praise the LORD!

*HYMN #41

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

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

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

Carol!

Price and Besig

Madelynne Brooks and Beth Underwood, duet soloists

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:13-23

New Testament, p. 2

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks Be to God.

SERMON

“Trouble Since Birth”

Dr. Curtis Christian

*HYMN #24

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 #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 #40

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Go, All Ye Faithful

R. G. Huff/ADESTE FIDELES

*POSTLUDE

*Those who are able, please stand

***Late Arrivals Seated

Today's Lay Reader is Tom Long.