

THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, January 4, 2026

The Second Sunday of Christmastide

11:00 a.m.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME

PRELUDE

INTROIT

The First Nowell

arr. Noel Rawsthorne

O Praise the Lord, Jerusalem (Psalm 147)

M. Guimont

Jordan Durham, soloist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!

People: Praise your God, O Zion!

Leader: The LORD sends out a command to the earth; God's word runs swiftly.

People: The LORD gives snow like wool, and he scatters frost like ashes.

Leader: The LORD hurls down hail like crumbs — who can stand before God's cold?

People: God sends out a word, and melts them, and makes the wind blow, and the waters flow.

Leader: Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!

People: Praise your God, O Zion!

*HYMN #309

Of the Father's Love Begotten

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God: we have failed to be an obedient church, we have not done Your will, we have not exemplified Your love, and we have not welcomed Your Incarnate Word. We have broken Your law, rebelled against Your commandments, and have ignored the cry of the needy. Forgive us, O God, we pray. Restore us in a spirit of conviction and courage that we may live in perfect obedience to Your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. 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

One Gift the Magi Bore

Troeger/Morris

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

John 1:9-18

New Testament, p. 70

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks Be to God.

SERMON

“Visions of Glory—Gifts of Grace”

Dr. Curtis Christian

*HYMN #56

The First Nowell

THE FIRST NOWELL

verses 1, 2, 4, 6

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

The Star Carol

Alfred Burt

Cameron Carpenter, tenor

*DOXOLOGY #592

Old Hundredth

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #29

Go, Tell it on the Mountain

GO TELL IT

verses 1 and 3

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Holy Jesus, Every Day Keep Us in the Narrow Way

DIX

*POSTLUDE

*Those who are able, please stand

***Late Arrivals Seated

Today's Lay Reader is Amanda Tipton.