

2022

“With a Firm Reliance on Divine Providence”



WELCOME TO WORSHIP
SECOND SUNDAY OF
CHRISTMAS

Please tune your car radio to 106.1 FM to Worship with us today!

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.

Romans 8:28

Call Statement:

“My call is to share my Faith in Christ”

Mission Statement:

“To live my Faith in Christ I will build loving relationships so others will become disciples with Jesus as Lord and Savior.”

WELCOME AND PRAYER

OPENING DIALOGUE (Psalm 119:97-104)

Leader: Oh, how I love your law!

All: I meditate on it all day long.

Leader: Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,

All: for they are ever with me.

Leader: I have more insight than all my teachers,

All: for I meditate on your statutes.

Leader: I have more understanding than the elders,

All: for I obey your precepts.

Leader: I have kept my feet from every evil path

All: so that I might obey your word.

Leader: I have not departed from your laws,

All: for you yourself have taught me.

Leader: How sweet are your words to my taste,

All: sweeter than honey to my mouth!

Leader: I gain understanding from your precepts;

All: therefore I hate every wrong path.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you. (Wave and/or Honk to each other)

HYMN

Angels We Have Heard on High

Verse 1

Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains;

And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains.

Chorus
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Verse 2
Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be;
Which inspire your heav'nly song?

Chorus

Verse 3
Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Chorus

APOSTOLIC GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray: O LORD, our God,

All: Your providence in all things never fails. Drive away whatever is harmful to us and give us what will work for our good; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.^{8th Cen. Gelasian Sacramentary}

LESSON

Ephesians 1:1 - 14

GOSPEL

Luke 2:21 - 52

THE MESSAGE

Pastor Jeffrey J. Lee

Are You Searching?

HYMN

What Child is This

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Verse 1

What child is this who, Laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing.
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

Verse 2

Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; For sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,
The cross be borne for me, for you;
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

Verse 3

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh;
Come peasant, king to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
The virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy for Christ is born,
The Babe, The Son of Mary!

NICENE CREED (in unison)

We believe in one God, The Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, Of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, The only Son of God, Eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, True God from true God, Begotten, not made, Of one Being with the Father, Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; By the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again In accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven And is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, And His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us be united as the Church in heart and mind as we go to our heavenly Father in prayer.

Pastor: *(After each petition. . .)* Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Pastor: . . . Accept, O Father, the prayers of Your faithful people for the well being of Your holy Church throughout the world. Govern and sanctify it, with all its pastors and ministers, by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be kept by Your Word in true Faith and fervent love toward You and one another.

All: Amen.

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor: O Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!

All: Sing to the LORD, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day.

Pastor: Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples!

All: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;

Pastor: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts!

All: Worship the LORD in holy array, tremble before him all the earth!

Pastor: Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!"

All: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice for unto us a Child has been born. Our Savior has been born!

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER - *in unison*

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name;
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION INSIDE

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen
and preserve you by His grace unto life Everlasting.

All: Amen.

THE SENDING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray. Heavenly Father,

All: Open my eyes, open my heart, so I see and have
compassion on broken and lost people around me.
Move me to bring Hope into their lives with the Gospel
of Jesus Christ. Give me courage. Give me patience.
Guide my words. Through me I pray they experience
Jesus' redeeming Love. I ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face
shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look
upon you with favor and give you peace.

All: Amen.

HYMN We Three Kings of Orient Are

Verse 1

We three kings of Orient are,
Bearing gifts we traverse afar;
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.

Chorus

O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to Thy perfect light.

Verse 2

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never, Over us all to reign.

Chorus

Verse 3

Frankincense to offer have I,
Incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising all men raising,
Worship Him God on high.

Chorus

Verse 4

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone cold tomb.

Chorus

Verse 5

Glorious now behold Him arise,
King and God and sacrifice;
Alleluia, alleluia!
Peals through the earth and skies.

Chorus

THE DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go and be a witness for the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION OUTSIDE

We will bring Holy Communion to you as you sit in your car in the
parking lot.

2022 Theme Verses

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.

Romans 8:28

3. In theology, the care and superintendence which God exercises over his creatures. He that acknowledges a creation and denies a providence involves himself in a palpable contradiction; for the same power which caused a thing to exist is necessary to continue its existence. Some persons admit a general providence but deny a particular providence not considering that a general providence consists of particulars. A belief in divine providence is a source of great consolation to good men. By divine providence is often understood God himself. *An American Dictionary of the English Language, Noah Webster, 1828*

being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 1:6

And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. **Philippians 4:19**

During the forty years that I led you through the desert, your clothes did not wear out, nor did the sandals on your feet. You ate no bread and drank no wine or other fermented drink. I did this so that you might know that I am the LORD your God.

Deuteronomy 29:5-6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. **Proverbs 3:5-6**

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. **Ephesians 3:20-21**

NEXT SUNDAY January 9, 2022

Baptism of Our Lord

Readings for Next Sunday

Isaiah 43:1-7 Psalm 29 Romans 6:1-11

Luke 3:15-22

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Altar Flowers

2022 Flower Chart

The flower chart is ready for you to sign up to sponsor the Sunday Altar Flowers. You may come in to sign up in person.

Or you may email the church with your special dates and we can check the date and sign you up.

Christmas Eve
December 26th

Attendance 35
Attendance 21

Offering \$1,059.00
Offering \$1,461.00

**Annual Congregational Meeting
Tentatively Scheduled to be held following
Worship on Sunday, January 23, 2022.**