

2025

“Lift Up Your Eyes”



WELCOME TO WORSHIP
SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Outdoor worshipers, tune your car radio to 106.1 FM to hear
and join in today's Worship service

*Looking to Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy
that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is
seated at the right hand of the throne of God.*

Hebrews 12:2

*I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?
My help comes from the Lord, Who made heaven and earth.*

Psalms 121:1,2

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.”*

THE WELCOME AND PRAYER

THE BRIEF ORDER: CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Leader: In the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Leader: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness....Most merciful God,

All: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you and, for His sake, forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

All: **And also with you** (*Greet each other sharing Christ's peace.*)

HYMN **Go Tell It on the Mountain** LBW #70

Refrain

**Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ is born.**

Verse 1

**While shepherds kept their watching,
O'er silent flocks by night;
Behold throughout the heavens, There shone a holy light.**

Refrain

Verse 2

**The shepherds feared and trembled,
When lo above the earth;
Rang out the angel chorus, That hailed our Savior's birth.**

Refrain

Verse 3

**Down in a lone-ly manger The humble Christ was born;
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.**

Refrain

THE 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 our Lord and God,

All: **Do not look on our many sins, and do not turn away because of the seriousness of our iniquities. In Your unspeakable grace sanctify Your servants, forget our many sins, and be merciful when You will appear at the end of time, in the Man whom You have appointed to be our judge, that we may receive Your grace and mercy, and praise you with all Your holy ones. Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Blessed Apostles around 200 AD

THE LESSONS

**1 Kings 3:4-15
Psalm 119:97-104
Ephesians 1:1-14
Luke 2:40-52**

THE GOSPEL

THE MESSAGE

Pastor Jeffrey J. Lee

Searching?

SONG

Do You Hear What I Hear?

Verse 1

**Said the night-wind to the little lamb, do you see what I see?
"Way up in the sky, little lamb, Do you see what I see?
A star, a star Dancing in the night,
with a tail as big as a kite. with a tail as big as a kite.**

Verse 2

**Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy,
Do you hear what I hear?
ringing thru the sky, shepherd boy, Do you hear what I hear?
A song, a song, High above the tree,
with a voice as big as the sea, with a voice as big as the sea.**

Verse 3

**Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king,
Do you know what I know?
In your palace warm, mighty king, Do you know what I know?
A child, a child shivers in the cold;
Let us bring Him silver and gold,
let us bring Him silver and gold.**

Verse 4

**Said the king to the people ev'rywhere Listen to what I say!
Pray for peace, people ev'rywhere Listen to what I say!
The child; The child sleeping in the night;
He will bring us goodness and light.
He will bring us goodness and light.**

Ending

The child; The child sleeping in the night;
He will bring us goodness and light.
He will bring us goodness and light.

THE APOSTLES' CREED (in unison)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

THE 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 Lord, 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: The Lord be with you.

All: and also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.**

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

THE 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 POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. Eternal God,

**All: We give You thanks, that You have refreshed us
through the healing power of this gift of life; and we
pray that in Your mercy You would strengthen us,
through this gift, in faith toward You and in fervent love
toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our
Lord. 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.

SONG

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.

Verse 3

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

Verse 4

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

Verse 5

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

THE DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go and be a witness for the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

NEXT SUNDAY January 12, 2025

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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Attendance: 28

Offering \$797.00

Join us for Fellowship Hour following
worship today

Come and share fellowship time with coffee, cookies
and conversation with your Faith in Christ family.



TNT Resumes this Thursday, January 9th at 5:30 pm.

If winter weather were to cause the cancelling of TNT, the notice
will be posted on our Faith in Christ Facebook page by 4:00 pm
Thursday afternoon.

Tuesday Bible Study

Join us at 10:30 am Tuesday Mornings for Bible
Study. We are in Mark Chapter 14 Newcomers are
always welcome to join in learning more from the
Word of God.



Annual Congregational Meeting will be following
worship Sunday January 26th.