



Grant us all
a glad new year

Come, Worship the Lord, Our God

December 29, 2019

11:00am

1st Sunday After Christmas
A Service of Prayer and Wonder

DRAWN INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

Welcome and Greeting

(Please complete Prayer Concerns)

Gathering Prayer:

Later

after the angels,
after the stable,
after the Child,
they went back...
as we always must,
back to the world that doesn't understand
our talk of angels and stars
and especially not the Child.

We go back complaining that it doesn't last.

They went back singing praises to God!

We do have to go back,

but we can still sing the alleluias!

~Ann Weems; from *Kneeling in Bethlehem*

Prelude

Call to Worship:

In the beginning was the Word
and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

**The Word was with God at the beginning
and through him all things were created.**

No created thing came into being without him.

***Sung Response:** "The Snow Lay on the Ground," verse 1
(Prayer Concerns Collected)

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In the Word was life,
And that life was the light of humankind.

**The light shines in the darkness,
And the darkness has never put it out.**

***Sung Response:** “The Snow Lay on the Ground,” verse 2

#116

He was in the world;
But the world—though it owed its being to him—did not recognize him.
He came to his own,
And his own people would not receive him.
**But to those who did receive him,
He gave the right to become children of God,
Not through human desire, but through God alone.**

***Sung Response:** “The Snow Lay on the Ground,” verse 3

#116

So, the Word became flesh;
He came among us and was one of us.
**And we saw his glory,
The glory which befits God’s only son, full of grace and truth.**

***Sung Response:** “The Snow Lay on the Ground,” verse 4

#116

Prayer of the Day

***Carol:** “Love Has Come”

#110

***Call to Confession**

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, through Jesus Christ, who gave himself to redeem us. Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

***Prayer of Confession**

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.

***Time of Silent Confession**

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

God has poured out the Holy Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ’s grace we have become children of God and heirs to the hope of eternal life.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons:

Isaiah 63:7-9

⁷I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD, the praiseworthy acts of the LORD, because of all that the LORD has done for us, and the great favor to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. ⁸For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely"; and he became their savior ⁹in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

Matthew 1:18-25

18 Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. **19** Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. **20** But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. **21** She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." **22** All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

23 "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."

24 When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, **25** but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Christmas Prayer Stations

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Carol:** “Away in a Manger”

#115

Invitation to the Offering:

With joy and gratitude, let us give our tithes and offerings

Offertory:

***Praising God’s Goodness – Doxology**

#606

***Prayer of Dedication:**

Unison

In this gifting season, O God, we are grateful for the gift of your dear Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Receive, we pray, these offerings we bring. May they be used in the service of your grace and truth dwelling among us. In Christ’s holy name we pray. Amen.

***Carol:** “Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

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***Benediction:**

***Postlude:**

* Those who are able, please stand

WORSHIP AIDS:

Large Print Bulletins, Hymnals & Hearing Devices – available from ushers. **Children’s Sanctuary** - at the rear of the church

Baby Changing Tables - in both rest rooms of Church School Building.

Deacon’s Prayer Chain - To activate Prayer Chain call Judy in the church office @ 692-1319.

New Prayer Concerns or Joys

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Prayer Concerns or Joys Last Week: Family of David Bubb, Nancy Rolando’s granddaughter, Elaina, who is in Children’s Hospital with RSV, and Rhys Halla is home from the hospital.

Continuing Prayers: Scott Greenawalt; Pat & Bob Erisman; Kris Yettra; Judy Geerkin; Paul Card; Nadia; Doris Carlson; Bonnie Bringham; Marlene Tyrrell; Deal Kowsky; Bonnie Zimmer; Mary Jo; Shirley Hagle; Jackie; Denis Luzuriaga, Michael, Maras Family, Katie, DeSain & Fluellen Families, Brett, Diane and Bob Eshelman and family, Mary and Norma Bender, Nancy Bassett, Humphrey Family, Scott Bradley, and Joy Welch.

Prayers and caring for our homebound: Marge Klinger; Georgia Anson; Fay Tag; Doris Carlson; Alice Weber; Bob Palfi; Lillian Simon; Joy Welch; Wilma Bender; Margaret McBride; Peggy Hess, and Sue Strasser.

Because God's love is for all - everyone is always welcome.

We pray that God may bless you with peace, inspiration, and strength. We are a community, seeking to learn what it means to follow Jesus. No matter what you may be going through, no matter where you may be on your faith journey – you are most welcome here! If you would like more information, please call Judy in the church office @ 692-1319

LITURGIST: Ryan Tasevski

GREETER: Jackie Rexford & Jack Seager

USHERS: Team 4

STEPHEN MINISTERS: are always available to provide confidential support in times of need. Simply call Janet Haacker @ 694-4290.

REMINDER: Please call Pastor Leslie @ 490-0420 or Judy in the office @ 692-1319 if you or a loved one are ill, hospitalized or in need of a visit.

Annual Epiphany Concert: Sunday, January 5 at 6:00pm

Please join us on Sunday, January 5 at 6pm at St. Francis Church for a wonderful night of music featuring our own choir along with other local church choirs and musical ensembles. This is a free concert and open to the public.

Town Hall Meeting: Sunday, January 12 at 9:30am in the parlor

The Mission and Outreach Team would like to invite all the parents of the Sunday School kids or anyone else interested to attend this Town Hall Meeting to have a discussion about their views about our church in general, and what they would like to see from the Mission and Outreach Team. Any questions, contact Betsy Crocker.

Service of Healing and Blessing: Wednesday, January 15 at 6:30pm

A service devoted to healing and wholeness is held the third Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm. This is a “come as you are” service, includes communion, is open and welcoming to all who seek wholeness in their lives, Presbyterian or otherwise. Please join us in the sanctuary.

Adult Bible Study Class: Sunday, January 19 at 12:15pm

The Adult Bible Study Class will be held on January 19 at 12:15pm. Feel free to bring a lunch or something to snack on. Any questions, contact Nancy Bassett.

Hunger Sunday: January 19

Don't forget that the third Sunday of the month is Hunger Sunday. Food and cash donations are welcome and proceeds are donated to the Twin Cities Community Outreach. Drop off box is in the Narthex. Thank you for your support.

Memory Lane Respite Program: Tuesday, January 21

The Memory Lane Respite Program will be held from 10:30am-2:30pm. There are many opportunities for you to help in volunteering and no monthly commitment. Monetary donations are greatly appreciated. If you would like to volunteer, stop by and see what the program is all about or contact Mike Donovan. Fun for all!

Service Trip to VIVÉ: January 25

The Mission and Outreach Team will be visiting VIVÉ and installing a coat rack and doing other odd jobs to help support this mission. Everyone is invited to come along and help. More details to follow.

December 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 Worship 11a No Sunday School	30 AA 9a	31 Office Closed				

January 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Office Closed	2 Worship Team 6p H4W 6:30p Choir 7:30p	3 UFO 7p	4
5 Sunday School 9:30a Worship 11a Epiphany Concert 6p St. Francis Church	6	7	8	9 H4W 6:30p Choir 7:30p	10 UFO 7p	11
12 Sunday School 9:30a Town Hall Meeting 9:30a - Parlor Worship 11a	13	14	15 Healing Service 6:30p	16 H4W 6:30p Choir 7:30p	17 UFO 7p	18
19 Sunday School 9:30a Worship 11a Food Sunday	20 Office Closed	21 Memory Lane 10:30a	22	23 H4W 6:30p Choir 7:30p	24 UFO 7p	25 Service Trip to Vivé Presbytery Mtg Maryvale Drive Pres Church 10a
26 Sunday School 9:30a Worship 11a	27 CE 6p Session 7p	28	29	30 H4W 6:30p Choir 7:30p	31 UFO 7p	