



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

1st Sunday of Christmas, December 27, 2020

Rev. Ross Reddick, Guest Minister

Everyone is welcome in God's house.

"Jesus said, 'Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls.'" (Matthew 11:28-29)

Gather us in, Lord, so we may worship you and enjoy your rest!



This symbol indicates that everyone who is able should stand.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

Liz Hughins, Liturgist

PRELUDE: *Unto Us a Child Is Born*
Traditional English Carol

arr. Albin Whitworth

 **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Liz Hughins

One: When the time came, they went to the temple.

Many: The time is now, we gather to worship.

One: The Holy Spirit rested on Simeon.

Many: The Holy Spirit resides here, today!

One: The people praised God, having seen salvation arrive.

**Many: The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;
and the favor of God is upon him.**

INSTRUMENTAL CAROL: *What Child Is This?*

GREENSLEEVES

arr. Mark Edwards

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!

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh; come, one and all, 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!

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

Rev. Ross Reddick

AFFIRMATIONS

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

THE BAPTISM

*Caleb Joseph Corcoran
son of Cam and Maggie Corcoran*

WELCOME

One: Through his Baptism, Caleb has been received into the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church. God has made him a member of Christ's Church to share with us in the ministry of Jesus Christ. Let us welcome this new member of Christ's family.

Many: **With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Caleb into Christ's Church to share with us in the ministry of Jesus, for we are all one in Him.**

CONFESSING TO GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Ross Reddick

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When Joseph and Mary arrived in Bethlehem, they found no room. We confess that, in the midst of all our anxieties, we have not made room in our hearts for others. We confess that we are scared, or apathetic, forgetting to welcome others. We confess that in the busyness of the Christmas season, we neglect to contemplate the mystery of Your Love that came down to be with us. Forgive us, God. Help set us on the right path and restore us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

*In Jesus Christ
we are forgiven!*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Ross Reddick

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liz Hughins

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 148: 1-14

¹ Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!

² Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his host!

³ Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars!

⁴ Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!

⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for he commanded and they were created.

⁶ He established them forever and ever;
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps,

⁸ fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy wind fulfilling his command!

⁹ Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!

¹⁰ Wild animals and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!

¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!

¹² Young men and women alike,
old and young together!

¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;
his glory is above earth and heaven.

¹⁴ He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his faithful,
for the people of Israel who are close to him.
Praise the LORD!

"Thanks be to God."

OFFERTORY: *Gesu Bambino*

When blossoms flowered 'mid the snows,
upon a winter night; was born the Child,
the Christmas Rose, the King of Love and Light.

The angels sang, the shepherds sang,
the grateful earth rejoiced. And at His blessed birth,
the stars their exultation voiced.

O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 2:22-40

²² When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), ²⁴ and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. ²⁷ Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, ²⁹ “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; ³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.” ³³ And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.” ³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ At that moment she came and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all

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“Thanks be to God.”

who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

SERMON: *God's Favor Upon Him*

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RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

 **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** *The Apostles' Creed*

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**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty; from thence shall He come
to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & 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.**

SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

 **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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 **SENDING HYMN:** *Go My Children, with My Blessing*
Kay Carter, soloist

Welsh Hymn

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Go in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you;
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.
Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.

POSTLUDE: *Noël Français*

Carl Simone

Reminder: *Contributions must be accepted in the church office
or postmarked by 12/31 to be included in 2020 giving.*

PRAYER CONCERNS: "...make your requests known to God."

Give your prayer request card to the pastor during the Passing of the Peace or place it in the offering plate.

For our church family...

Shirley Narkates	John Holcomb	Laura Reichert	Wayne Hughins
Melissa Scholl	Edwin Swartz	Nellie Songer	John Giddens
Al Greenberg	Vernon Clark	Steve Mannich	Arnold Reichert
George & Lynda McLean	Randy & Christy Little	Chip & Janet Prevatt	

For our extended family...

Grace Miller	Bill & Julie Wills	Garry Vincent	C. J. Fonte
Kenon Little	Donnie Bates	Clara Beach	Trent Schindler
Zoe	Jessica Watkins	Heather Odell	Fred Esleck
Mary Hammett	Margaret Stallings	Deborah Waldron	Stella Purcell
Don McCants	Fran Skiroock	Vicki Cunningham	Debra Jackson
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