

MORNING WORSHIP

January 5, 2025

Half past Ten O' Clock

Second Sunday of Christmas

*When the organ begins, please prepare for worship through silent prayer and meditation.
Following the service, greet one another with joy and affection!*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

TIME OF MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

+WELCOME AND NOTICES

PRELUDE *Angels We Have Heard on High* arr. Michael Burkhardt

CHORAL INTROIT "Of the Father's Love Begotten" DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

*CALL TO WORSHIP John 1:1-5

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

People: He was in the beginning with God.

Leader: All things came into being through Him,

People: and without Him not one thing came into being.

Leader: What has come into being was life,

People: and the life was the light of all people.

All: The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it.

+*HYMN 744 "Arise, Your Light is Come!" FESTAL SONG

*CALL TO CONFESSION John 1:14

The word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen His glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious God, if we were among those who dropped everything and traveled to worship the coming of God's love into this world, would we live more faithfully? If we had been like those who cared for the vulnerable, infant Jesus; who held and comforted the growing child, that He might know love and safety, would we have more compassion? Merciful God, too often we are more like Herod. By our actions or inactions, we reveal our need for control is more compelling than the needs of others. Rather than stand for the oppressed, we cling to the security of our comfort. While our complicity is harmful, we'd rather not know about innocents who suffer. Forgive and unite us as we seek to shine Your light in the world. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON John 1:16, 17

From His fullness we have received grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*SUNG RESPONSE 137 "He Came Down" HE CAME DOWN

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Immediately following the Message for Young Disciples, children age four through second grade are invited to Children's Chapel.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Jeremiah 31:7-14, pew Bible p. 720
Matthew 2:1-6, pew Bible p.877

SERMON

"The Light of the World"

Lori Archer Raible

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

Matthew 2:9-11

When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary, His mother; and they knelt down and paid Him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

Text to Give

704-734-9818

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"What Star is This with Beams So Bright"

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Dear God, You reveal to us what our eyes look for but cannot see; what our ears hear but cannot understand. Shine Your light on the pages of our lives. Move us from darkness to light, where we cannot be fooled, our motives are clear, our ideas are voiced and our relationships are held with integrity. Our light has come. We see clearly. Bless our offerings of time, talent, and treasure in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 666

"O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

"What Child Is This?"

GREENSLEEVES

*POSTLUDE

Angels from the Realms of Glory

arr. Michael Burkhardt

*Those who are able please stand.

+Ushers may seat late worshipers

SELWYN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WARMLY WELCOMES ALL WHO VISIT

Selwyn Avenue is glad you are with us this morning. We welcome all visitors, celebrating God's creativity in human diversity. We'd like to stay in touch with you! Please take a moment to fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate. Please ask an usher if you need help locating the nursery, restrooms, changing tables, or large print hymnals.

Membership is by one of three paths: 1) profession of faith in Jesus Christ (for those who have never been part of a Christian church); 2) re-affirmation of faith (for those who formerly were part of a congregation but have not been involved in recent times - for example, you were baptized and/or confirmed but moved and never engaged with a new congregation); or 3) transfer of membership from another congregation (your membership is with another church). New members and prospective members are invited to participate in Orientation Classes, which are scheduled several times a year, and are a wonderful way to meet others and learn about our church and all the opportunities here. We always stand ready to be in communication with you about your particular situation. The contact information for all staff members is in the bulletin each week.

WORSHIP BAGS FOR 4 YRS. - 5TH GRADE Age-appropriate activities for readers and non-readers to encourage their participation in following along in worship are available in the narthex. Please return the bag to the basket after worship.

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