

MORNING WORSHIP

January 4, 2026

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

Leader: Extol the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

People: God grants peace within your borders; God fills you with the finest of wheat.

And sends out God's command to the earth; God's word runs swiftly.

Leader: God declares God's word to Jacob, and statutes and ordinances to Israel.
God has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know God's ordinances.

People: Praise the Lord!

+*HYMN 151 *"We Three Kings"* KINGS OF ORIENT

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Lord, You gave Your greatest gift in the world as a light of hope. You have sent us the Prince of Peace to show us how to love. We confess we have brought and presented gifts that are not our best. We have offered our leftovers and our least effort. Forgive us for languishing in our faith after the coming of Emmanuel. By Your spirit, help us be cheerful givers and sincere servants. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*HYMN 133 *"O Come, All Ye Faithful"* ADESTE FIDELES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Immediately following the Message for Young Disciples, the congregation will sing the first verse of "Jesus Loves Me" as children age five through second grade are invited to Children's Worship.

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to Him belong. They are weak, but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5:1-12, pew Bible p.880

SERMON

“Present Face”

Brian Daoust

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

The Apostles' Creed

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

Matthew 2:9-11

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

Text to Give

704-734-9818

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”
(Soloist on verses, Congregation sings refrain)

GO TELL IT

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Lord, bless these gifts we give with sincerity and hope to the work of love, mercy, compassion, and peace.
Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 145

“What Child Is This”

GREENSLEEVES

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

KINGDOM

*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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