



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021

9:00 AM

First Sunday of Christmas

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WORSHIP NOTES

Welcome to our church family today as we celebrate the presence of the risen Jesus Christ in our lives and in our world. We pray that you will experience God—Father, Son, Holy Spirit—as you worship with us.

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

selections from *"How Great Our Joy!"* (Christmas Classics For Solo Piano)
arr. Victor Labenske ©2003 Lillenas Publishing Company

selections from *"Seasonal Settings that Warm the Heart"*
arr. Mark Hayes ©2007 Lorenz Publishing Company

GATHERING CAROL

"Angels We Have Heard on High" ELW #289

WELCOME

CHRISTMAS DIALOG

P: Jesus Christ is the Light of the world!

C: He is the Light no darkness can overcome.

P: At darkest night we gather to celebrate the great light of our salvation.

C: With the heavenly host we sing. "Glory to God in the highest heaven."

P: In Christ, God's Word is made flesh and lives among us.

C: With the shepherds, we will tell of the wonders we have seen and heard.

OPENING CAROL

"Love Has Come" ELW #292

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray,

Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

JULIE KLOCK

WORD

LESSON

COLOSSIANS 3:12-17

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Go, Tell it on the Mountain" ELW #290

P: The holy gospel according to Luke

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL

LUKE 2:41-52

P: The gospel of the Lord

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHRISTMAS CAROL HYMN SING

Request your season's favorites! See suggested hymn numbers 268-300.

CAROL OF THE DAY

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" ELW #279
verses 1 & 3

PRAYERS

APOSTLES' CREED

ELW P. 104

I believe in God, the Father
almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only
Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy
Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered
under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was
buried;
he descended to the dead.

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CAROL

"Let Our Gladness Have No End" ELW #291

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Cradle Hymn" HANSEN WOMEN
by Kim André Arnesen ©2014 Santa Barbara Music Publishing

RECOGNITION OF OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CAROL

"What Child is This" ELW #296

LORD'S PRAYER

ELW P. 145

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

CLOSING CAROL

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" ELW #288

DISMISSAL

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Joy to the World"
arr. Sharon Aaronson ©1991 Alfred Publishing, one license

Prayer Ministry:

Contact the church office to submit names of people to be included in our Sunday prayers. *Please provide an update when possible if situations improve.*

Today we pray especially for:

Paula B. (*daughter of Judy*), **Larry B.** (*brother of Sandra*), **Julie B.** (*cousin of Richard*), **Keith H.** (*son of Dan & Shari*), **Marilyn H.**, **Daryl K.**, **Tami L.**, **Christopher L.** (*son of Sonja*), **Cindy M.** (*sister of Tami*), **Ian** (*grandson of Joan*), **Reino P.**, **Jennifer R.** (*daughter-in-law of Sheila*), **Eric S.**, **Gary S.**, **Mary S.**, **Paul W.** (*brother of Marilyn*), **Karen W.** (*cousin of Carmen, Char*), **Ken W.** (*brother-in-law of Jeannie*), and the family of **Roland Bromberg** (*father of Patty S.*).

If you would like a visit from Pastor David, please contact the Church Office at 645-8252.

Last names are withheld for on-line privacy. Remember, God always knows who you are praying for!

Thank you, Sunday morning worship leaders:

Ushers: Mona & Lael Weselmann

Reader: Diane Boyum

Livestream: Terra Wierson

Musicians: Hansen Women: Mary Kay Bougie,

Megan McMaris, Jo Franklin, Kirstin Franklin,

Pam O'Hara & Julie Zdenek

Coffee: Bill & Mary Bleckwehl

Offering: Please use the offering plates set in the back of the church while worshipping in person. Please keep giving while worshipping remotely. Options include sending in or dropping off, auto giving through Vanco or bill pay, or using the included QR code for Pay Pal. Thank you!

About the First Sunday of Christmas: On the first Sunday of Christmas we find the boy Samuel and the boy Jesus, both in the temple, both growing in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and humankind. We too have returned to the house of God "to sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God," who has gifted us with a savior. As the festival continues, "let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts." It is Christmas, still.

Today's Anthem: "Cradle Hymn"

Hush my dear, lie still and slumber, Holy angels guard thy bed!

Heavenly blessings without number gently falling on thy head.

See the kindly shepherds round Him, telling wonders from the sky!

When they sought Him, there they found Him, with His Virgin Mother by.

See the lovely babe adressing; lovely infant how He smiled!

When He wept, the mother's blessing soothed and hush'd the holy child.

May'st thou live to know and fear Him, trust and love Him all thy days;

Then go dwell forever near Him, see His face, and sing His praise!

Hush, my dear, Holy angels guard thy bed! Amen.

Scan with your smart phone's camera for today's lesson and gospel texts:



(for worshipping at home, click)

Feel free to use our wifi network SPLC-GUEST

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY LUNCHES: We desperately need people to bring lunch for the amazing men and women who are working on Strand house on Archibald Court. Right now there are no volunteers signed up to bring lunch in December. The Strands are members of our congregation so let's help them and let this be a Christmas gift to the Strands. If you have questions you can call Diane Boyum 612-245-2125. Or visit: <https://habitatricecounty.org/volunteer> to sign up online.

END OF YEAR OFFERING: For any contributions you would like to make to St. Peter's for 2021, please drop them off by Friday, December 31 or be sure they are postmarked by December 31, 2021. Office hours will be short the week after Christmas, so a phone call ahead may be helpful if you need to stop by.

ANNUAL MEETING: ---Save the Date--- Sunday, January 30 at 10am.

Forgot your checkbook?
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*Merry Christmas
& Happy New Year!*