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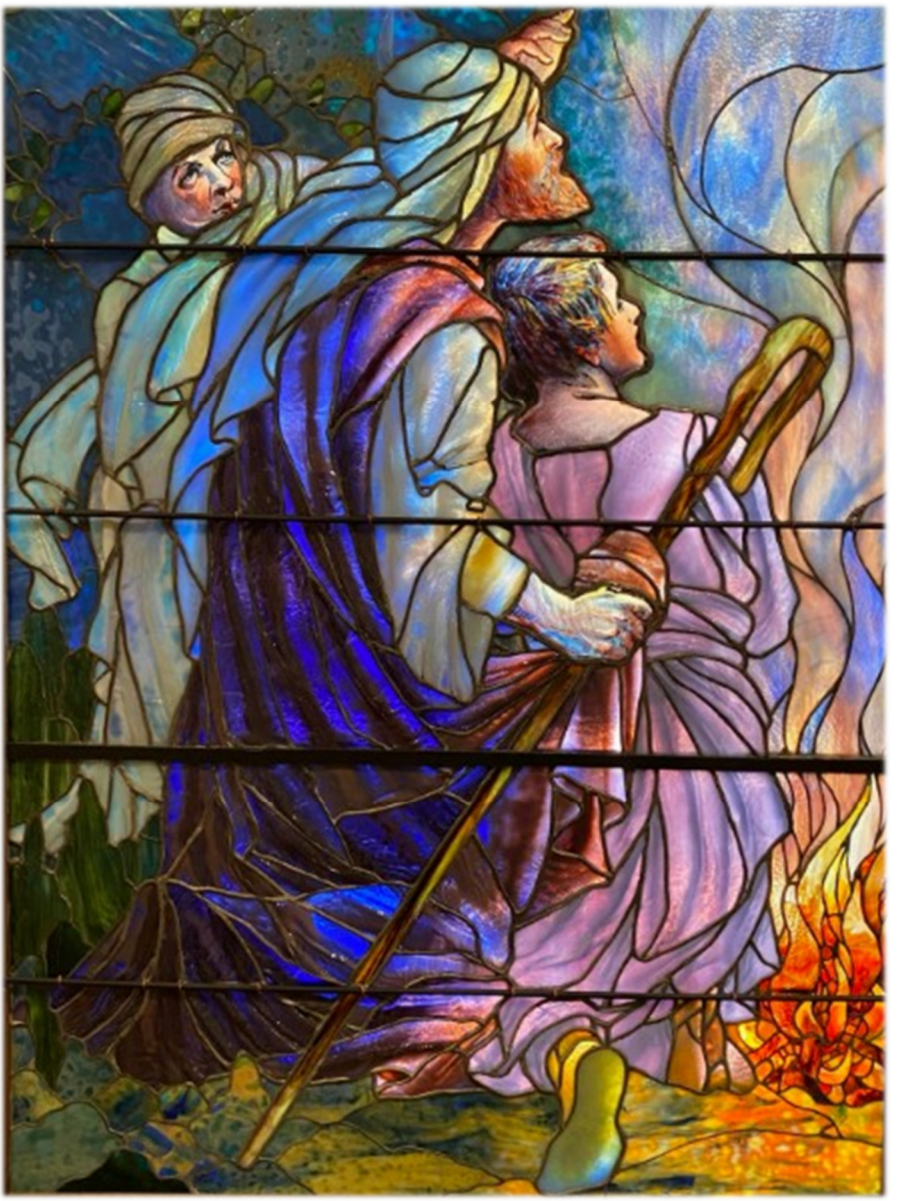


Tiffany Studio from the Chrysler Museum, Norfolk

January 1, 2023

The Order For Morning Worship
World Day of Prayer and Peace

January 1, 2023 Ten-Thirty O'Clock

At these moments, we invite you to stand in body or spirit.

Please silence all electronic devices prior to the service.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Voluntary "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" Mendelssohn/Tornquist
"Joy to the World" Handel/Rice

Worship and Welcome Notes

Call to Worship

In this Christmas season of great joy, we praise the Lord;
for in mercy and abundant steadfast love,
God has become our Savior.
Even in times of danger and threat, *Matt. 2:13–23*
we praise God, who has set us free from fear and death
through Jesus Christ, the pioneer of our salvation. *Heb. 2:15, 10*
With all creation, *Ps. 148*
in the midst of the congregation, *Heb. 2:12*
we praise and put our trust in God alone. *Heb. 2:13*

***Hymn No. 113** "Angels We Have Heard on High" GLORIA

Prayer of the Day

Exalted God,
even as the heavenly host sang of your glory
in the night skies over Bethlehem;
even as the star shone in the heavens, Matt. 2:2
and sheep and cattle gathered in that light,
so we gather,
young and old together, Ps. 148:12
to recount all that you have done for us
in mercy and steadfast love.
No tyrant's threat or deadly act Matt. 2:16
can destroy the dreams and visions Matt. 2:13, 19
you have placed within us,
for you have drawn us close.
With all creation, Ps. 148
we praise you and exalt your name Ps. 148:13
forever and ever. **Amen.**

Call to Confession

Brothers and sisters,
Jesus became like us in every respect
so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest
in the service of God. Heb. 2:17
As we confess our sins,
we come before One who was also tested by what
he suffered,
confident that he is able to help us. Heb. 2:18

Prayer of Confession *(in unison)*

Merciful God, in great love you have claimed us
as your children. **Heb. 2:10**
We confess that we have not loved you as we should.
We have not participated fully in your purposes
and plans;
we grow weary and give up when the way is hard.
We have not loved our brothers and sisters as you intend.
Complacent in the presence of injustice and violence,
we fail to recognize our own complicity.
Forgive us, especially when we fail to
protect children **Matt. 2:16, 18**
so vulnerable and precious in your sight.
Forgive our misuse of power against people,
and against your creation.
Help us to praise you by living in harmony and peace.
Do not be ashamed of us, we pray, **Heb 2:11**
but strengthen us in our time of testing. **Heb. 2:18**
Set us free from fear
that we may wholly trust in you.
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ,
who shared our flesh and blood. Amen. **Heb 2:14**

Kyrie Hymn No. 577 "Lord, Have Mercy" KYRIE ELEISON

***Assurance of Pardon**

Children of God,
it is clear that Jesus Christ came to help sinners. Heb. 2:16
He is our Savior in all our distress,
and it is his presence that saves us.
Declare with me the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

***Gloria Hymn No. 583** "Glory to God" GLORIA

Children are now invited to come forward.

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD
READ AND PROCLAIMED

Message for Children

Children are invited to return and sit with their families for the duration of the service.

Prayer for Illumination

Holy One,
your Word comes to us:Jesus Christ, Immanuel.
Holy Word,
you cross every border meant to shut you out. Matt. 2:14, 21
Holy Wisdom,
speak to us in the word read and proclaimed.
Hearing, may we dream your dreams Matt. 2:13, 20, 22b
and faithfully follow wherever you lead.
In your triune name we pray. **Amen**.

Hebrew Reading Isaiah 43:1-7
"Restoration and Protection Promised"
Leader: The Word of the Lord. Pew Bible p.585-586
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Pew Bible p.822

Hymn No. 141 "On This Day Earth Shall Ring" PERSONENT HODIE

First New Testament Reading Hebrews 2:10-18
"Exaltation through Abasement"
Leader: The Word of the Lord. Pew Bible p.971-972
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Pew Bible p.265-266

Gospel Reading Matthew 2:13-23
"The Escape to Egypt and the Return"
Leader: The Gospel of the Lord. Pew Bible p.784
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Pew Bible p.2-3

Sermon "The Runaway Bunny"
"If you run away, I will run after you. For you are mine."

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith** Apostles' Creed pg. 34

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem "What Songs Were Sung" John Jacob Niles
Solo by Sarah Pozderac-Chenevey, alto

***Doxology Hymn No. 606** OLD HUNDREDTH
"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

***Prayer of Dedication** *(in 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.

REENTRY INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE THE LORD

Being Christ's Church — Living Our Faith

***Hymn No.547** "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" AR HYDY NOS

***Benediction**

Voluntary "Song for the Nations" Christensen/Hayes

Activities For The Week of January 1st

Today

10:30 am	Worship Service—Sanctuary
11:45 am	Youth No Meeting

Monday

Building Closed

Tuesday

9:30 am	Dave's Bible Study—Parlor

Wednesday

7:00 pm	Deacons Meeting—Parlor
7:30 pm	Dave's Bible Study—ZOOM

Thursday

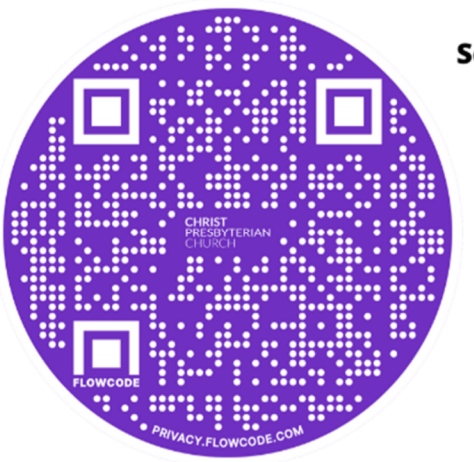
9:30 am	Women's Bible Study—Parlor
1:30-3:30 am	Alzheimer Caregiver Support Group—Parlor

Friday

Saturday

Sunday, January 8

8:30 am	Worship—Chapel
9:00-9:30 am	Children's Choir—Choir Room
9:00 am	Children and Youth Classes open
9:15-10:15 am	Adult Sunday School—Westminster Hall
10:30 am	Worship Service—Sanctuary
11:45 am	Youth Fellowship Time



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Daily Grace
CPC Rhythms of Worship and Discipleship
The Week of January 1, 2023

Using Sunday's Order of Worship, we enter into worship and prayer every day of the week. We worship together . . . separately.

The Call to Worship
The Prayer of Adoration (Followed by silence)
The Prayer of Confession (Followed by silence)
The Assurance of Pardon
Scripture Readings — Worship texts for Sunday, ***January 8,***

Mon: Micah 4:1-4	Thur: Matthew 2:1-12
Tue: Ephesians 3:1-12	Fri: Micah 4:1-4
Wed: Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14	Sat: Ephesians 3:1-12

Silent Meditation and Prayer
(Listening for God's voice in Scripture and silence)
Prayers of the People
(Lifting others before God)
Prayer of Dedication
Becoming Familiar With Holy Scripture
If you wish to become more familiar with the Bible and the best known stories of scripture,
The Christmas Story (Matthew 1-2, Luke 1-2)

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday
Micah 4:1-4; Ephesians 3:1–12; Psalm 72:1–7, 10–14; Matthew 2:1–12

Consider: Can you think of a dark time in your own life or a dark time in the history of the world when God's glory shone? When the light of Christ's presence became evident? When was that time? What happened? Who was a bearer of light in that darkness? Is there presently someone you know or some situation weighed down in darkness or despair? How can you be a light-bearer for that person, that circumstance?

The Cathedral Hour today is given in memory of Bob & Shirley Rechkemmer by the Families of Clark Rechkemmer & Carol Rechkemmer.

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