



Open Hearts ~ Open Minds ~ Open Doors

10:00 am

January 1, 2012

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Communion Sunday

*When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins....*

Howard Thurman

Entrance

Prelude — “Variations on Noel Nouvelet”.....Lau

Introit — “Come Thou Almighty King”.....arr. Dan Bird
Chancel Choir Quartet

*Processional Hymn No. 250— “Once in Royal David’s City” (verses 1-3)

*Greeting —The Reverend Melanie Silva

Arise, shine! Do not fear! The light of God has come into the universe.

Arise, shine! Lift up your eyes and look around!

We are now children of God, members of the same body and sharers in the promise of Jesus Christ.

The glory of the Lord shines on us. Let us worship.

Hymn Response No. 250 — “Once in Royal David’s City” (verse 4)

♪ **And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love,
for that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.** ♪

(Latecomers may be seated)

Call to Prayer

Beloved, God does not disappoint those who come in hope, nor does God turn away those who approach in faith. And so, in hope and faith, let us pray together.

Prayer of the People

**We bless you, O God,
for you have visited your people
in one like us in all things but sin,
and in human vulnerability you have revealed
the face of divinity.**

**Open our eyes to Christ's presence in the shadows of our world,
so that we, like him, may become beacons of your justice,
and defenders of all for whom there is no room.**

**Gather into your arms
all the peoples of the world,
so that in your embrace
we may find blessing, peace,
and the fullness of our inheritance
as your daughters and sons. Amen.**

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

God is most gracious in blessing us and lifting us beyond our losses and our fears.
In Christ, we are linked with God's saving grace for all time and eternity.
In the name of Christ, you are loved and forgiven.

In the name of Christ, you are loved and forgiven. Amen.

Hymn of Praise No. 249 — "There's a Song in the Air" (verses 1, 4)

Children's Moment

*At this time all children are invited to the front of the church to hear a brief message.
The children will be excused afterwards to attend their Sunday School classes.*

Greetings and Announcements

*Please register your attendance by clearly printing your **first and last** name in the attendance pad found in each pew, passing the pad to the end of the pew, and then back to the center aisle.*

Proclamation of the Word

Solo — “Sweet Little Jesus Boy”Robert MacGimsey
Brian Watts, soloist

The Scripture Reading — Luke 2:22-40 (Pew Bible page 890).....Reverend Martha Wingfield
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Hymn of Preparation No. 2197— “Lord of All Hopefulness”

The Sermon — “The Waiting Is Over”Reverend Martha Wingfield

Response to the Word

Choral Call to Prayer, Pastoral Prayer

The Offering

Offertory — “What Child Is This”arr. Fedak

*Doxology No. 95

♪ **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.** ♪

*The Sacrament of Holy Communion — Hymnal page 17

The 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Giving and Receiving the Bread and the Cup

Please come forward at the invitation of the ushers. Take a cube of bread from the plate and dip it into the cup. Those in wheelchairs, and others who have difficulty walking, will be served where they are seated. For those with gluten allergies, the narthex servers have consecrated non-gluten wafers available upon request.

Prayer For Healing

From the station where you receive communion, you may continue on to one of the stations at the big stained glass window in the narthex to receive a prayer for healing and be anointed with oil into the palm of your hand. You may choose to be silent or name your pain, illness, or brokenness. You may want to request a healing prayer for someone else, named or anonymous.

Quartet Music During Communion — “Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness”

Anita Kartman, soprano; Loydene Keith, alto; Roger Ryon, tenor; Brian Watts, bass

Prayer After Communion

**We bless you, O God, for the gifts of bread and cup,
For sustaining us in hope every day of our lives.
We pray for you strength to prepare us now for your service
As we offer to you lives of witness and worship in the world you have made.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*Hymn of Consecration No. 671— “Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”

Sending Forth

*The Light of Christ Leads Us Out Into the World

*The Benediction

Choral Benediction — “God Be with You”.....Dale Wood

*The Postlude — “In Dulci Jubilo”.....Bach

**Indicates that you are invited to stand.*

TODAY’S WORSHIP SERVICE

CHANCEL FLOWERS: Today’s flowers are donated by Karen & Fred Zerlaut in celebration of their 46th wedding anniversary.

USHERS: (10:00) Robin Mitchell, Andy Castiglione, Bill Lundgren

RECEPTIONIST: (10:00) Carol Sadler

COMMUNION SERVERS: (10:00) Cindy & Doug Callant, Joyce Calvin, Scott Fountain, Raya Klooster,
Jani Sepanik

PRAYER STATION: (10:00) Cindy Fountain