

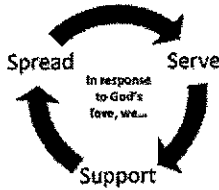
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*In response to God's love for us, we SERVE God,  
SUPPORT Christian fellowship,  
And SPREAD the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people.*

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## FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

9:00 AM

**AS WE GATHER** – The Epistle for the First Sunday after Christmas brings a one-sentence summary of the Christmas message as Paul writes it to the Christians of Galatia. "But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son" (Galatians 4:4). God knew the exact right time for His beloved Son to come to earth, this sin-filled world. God had a plan for salvation that was carried out faithfully and completely by Jesus. In the days after Christmas, we have the opportunity to reflect on the importance of the Christmas message. We have received the greatest of all gifts. Through Jesus Christ, we are heirs of God and have an eternal inheritance!

## PRESERVICE MUSIC

*"What Child Is This"*

by Kevin Hildebrand

## WELCOME

♫ [Means please stand; ♪ Means please be seated]

## ♫ OPENING HYMN

*Angels from the Realms of Glory*

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1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er  
2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your  
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, Bright - er vi - sions  
4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, Watch - ing long in  
△ 5 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,



all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,  
flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing,  
beam a - far; Seek the great De - sire of na - tions,  
hope and fear, Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,  
Spir - it, Son, Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing

Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth.  
 You - der shines the In - fant Light.  
 Ye have seen His na - tal star.  
 In His tem - ple shall ap - pear.  
 To the e - ter - nal Three in One.

*Refrain*  
 Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship;  
 Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

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## INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

Luke 2:30, 32; Psalm 71:19, 23

- P** *In the name of the Father and of the  $\mp$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
- C** **Amen.**
- P** *Alleluia! My eyes have seen Your salvation,*
- C** **a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Your people Israel. Alleluia!**
- P** *Your righteousness, O God, reaches the high heavens.*
- C** **You who have done great things, O God, who is like You?**
- P** *My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to You;*
- C** **my soul also, which You have redeemed.**

## INTROIT

*Psalm 98:1–4; antiphon: Isaiah 52:10*

**C** **The LORD has bared His holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.**

*Men: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things! His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.*

*Women: The LORD has made known His salvation; He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.*

*Men: He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.*

*Women: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!*

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**C** **The LORD has bared His holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.**

## SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** *The Lord be with you.*
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** *Let us pray.*

All: O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 61:10—62:3*

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

**P** *This is the Word of the Lord.*

**G** Thanks be to God.

### EPISTLE

*Galatians 4:4–7*

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

**P** *This is the Word of the Lord.*

**G** Thanks be to God.

### VERSE

*Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 98:1a*

**G** To us a child is born, to us a son is given;

Women: and the government shall be upon His shoulder.

Men: And His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

### HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 2:22–40*

**P** *The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.*

**G** Glory to You, O Lord.

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**P** *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**G** Praise to You, O Christ.

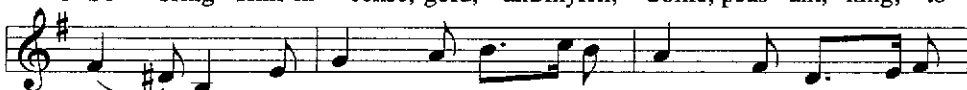
### HYMN OF THE DAY

#### *What Child Is This*

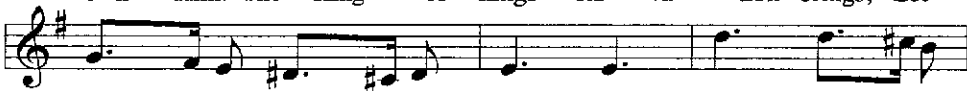
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1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is  
2 Why lies He in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are  
3 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to



sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While  
feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The  
own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let



shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is  
si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear shall  
lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the



Christ the king, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;  
 pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;  
 song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mar - y!  
 Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mar - y!  
 Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mar - y!

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## SERMON "PAUL'S ONE-SENTENCE CHRISTMAS" Galatians 4:4-7

- I. Paul doesn't say much about Christmas in his letters.
- II. For Paul, Christmas is more about salvation than nostalgia.

## ♪ APOSTLE'S CREED

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** *Gathered as God's people and as heirs of an eternal inheritance, let us pray for the whole Church and for all who bear the name of Jesus Christ, who is our Light and our Salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *We pray for the Church, asking that through her the joyous news of salvation be proclaimed as the Holy Spirit directs. Give us faith to acknowledge and rejoice in the fellowship that we share in Christ with people here and in every place, that we may see in each sister and brother in Christ a reflection of Your glory. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *Lord of all, watch over our nation and grant Your divine favor to all who bear office in our land, especially the president and Congress of the United States, the governor and legislature of Colorado, and to all those who make, administer, and judge our laws. Help them to serve all those in their care according to Your holy will, that we may live in peace and safety. Save us from pestilence and plague, from unseasonable weather, and the dangers that are ever-present in our lives. Grant us Your blessing as one calendar year closes and another begins. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *Give a special measure of blessing to those with special needs. Especially we remember the sick, the shut-in, those dealing with depression, those who sorrow, and others known to us who*

at this time are in need of prayer, [especially...]. Help us to be people who bless, encourage, and strengthen all those in our circles of relationship and beyond. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Sovereign Lord, we remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served You in Your Church on earth, who now rest from their labors. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever.

**C** Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C** 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 and ever. Amen.

## BENEDICTION

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you His peace.

**C** Amen.

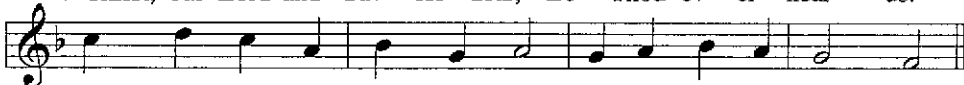
## CLOSING HYMN

### Let Us All with Gladsome Voice

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1 Let us all with glad-some voice Praise the God of heav - en,  
2 To this vale of tears He comes, Here to serve in sad - ness,  
3 We are rich, for He was poor; Is not this a won - der?  
4 Christ, our Lord and Sav - ior dear, Be Thou ev - er near us.



Who, to bid our hearts re - joice, His own Son hath giv - en.  
That with Him in heav'n's fair homes We may reign in glad - ness.  
There-fore praise God ev - er - more Here on earth and yon - der.  
Grant us now a glad new year. A - men, Je - sus, hear us.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### POSTLUDE

### "Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising"

by Kevin Hildebrand

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**WE WISH TO THANK** the following for their participation in our worship service this morning:

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 Service Live Streaming..... Stuart Ruwet  
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