



***Our Vision***

*is to be Christ to each other and our  
community – doing justice, loving mercy  
and walking humbly with our God.*

*Sunday, January 3, 2021*

*Second Sunday of Christmas*

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# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## *Second Sunday of Christmas*

The Lord's Day

January 3, 2021

The Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Matthew Johnson

The Ministry of Music

John H. Hopkins, Jr.  
arr. Lanny Smith

*We Three Kings*

Marcia Harris, organ; Rebecca Turner, piano

*As the candles are lighted, we celebrate the presence of Christ, who is the Light.*

The Passing of the Peace

The Call to Worship

Suzanne Brown

Ephesians 1:3-14; NRSV

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

The Pastoral Prayer

Matt Johnson

The Hymn of Praise

REGENT SQUARE

*Angels, From the Realms of Glory*

1. Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:  
come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!

2. Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God on earth is now residing, yonder shines the infant light:  
come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!

3. Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;  
seek the great Desire of Nations, ye have seen the infant's star:  
come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!

4. Saints, before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,  
suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear:  
come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!

The Gospel Lesson

Matt Johnson

John 1:1-18; NRSV

One: The Good News offered for all.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

Matt Johnson

*God's Argument*

The Celebration of Holy Communion

The Offertory Prayer

Kathy Hensley

The Returning of Tithes & Giving of Offerings

The Offertory Music

Christina G. Rossetti

Eric H. Thiman

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Rebecca Turner, soprano and piano

In the bleak mid-winter,  
Frosty wind made moan,  
Earth stood hard as iron,  
Water like a stone,  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,  
Snow on snow,  
In the bleak mid-winter,  
Long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him  
Nor earth sustain;  
Heaven and earth shall flee away,  
When he comes to reign:  
In the bleak mid-winter  
A stable-place sufficed  
The Lord God Almighty,  
Jesus Christ.

Enough for him whom cherubim  
Worship night and day,  
A breastful of milk,  
And a mangerful of hay;  
Enough for Him whom angels  
Fall down before,  
The ox and ass and camel  
Which adore.

What can I give him,  
Poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd  
I would bring a lamb:  
If I were a wise one  
I would do my part,  
Yet what I can I give him,  
Give my heart.

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 Hymn of Response

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*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

1. Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;  
oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the Babe is Lord of all.  
Swift are winging, angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing;  
Christ the Babe is Lord of all, Christ the Babe is Lord of all.

2. Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new  
saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.  
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing greet the morrow;  
Christ the Babe is Lord of all, Christ the Babe is Lord of all.

The Pastoral Benediction

Matt Johnson

The Ministry of Music

IN DULCI JUBILO  
Traditional 14th Century German Carol  
arr. Lani Smith

*Good Christians All, Rejoice*  
Marcia Harris, organ; Rebecca Turner, piano

*As we prepare for service, the Light of Christ goes out before us.*

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