

OPENING HYMN, “O Come, All Ye Faithful”379

- P: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.
P: We praise the name of God, our Father,
C: who so loved the world that He sent His only begotten Son.
P: We praise the name of God the Son,
C: who came to our world to bring us life!
P: We praise the name of the Holy Spirit,
C: whose presence brings us life and light.
P: We are gathered in the name of our Triune God;
C: to Him be glory and praise, both now and forevermore. Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P: God sent His only Son to our world because we have sinned—failing to live according to His commands. We therefore confess our iniquities to God our Father.
C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name.
P: Almighty God has had mercy on You and has given His own Son in flesh and blood to confront all temptations, to steadfastly fulfill the Law, and to endure death. Jesus perfectly accomplished all things for our eternal benefit. His willing death has secured our hope and forgiveness forever. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE, “Now Sing We, Now Rejoice”386

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.
P: Let us pray. Grant, heavenly Father, that as we celebrate with joy the perfect gift of Your Son, our Savior, we may receive and share Your tremendous peace and grace. By Your Spirit, bring us into the everlasting Kingdom of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

Old Testament: Isaiah 52:7-10

HYMN, “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”366

Epistle: Hebrews 1:1-6

HYMN, “What Child is This”370

Holy Gospel: John 1:1-14

- P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.
C: Glory to You, O Lord!

(After the reading of the Gospel.)

- P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to You, O Christ!

Chapel Talk

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SERMON

APOSTLES’ CREED (Back cover of Hymnal)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P: O Wonderful Counselor,
C: hear our prayer and grant us Your peace.
P: O Mighty God,
C: open our eyes to see Your mighty works. Open our minds to Your Word that Your truth may rest in us.
P: O Everlasting Father,
C: use the witness of our words and deeds to proclaim Your seeking and saving love to those around us. Open our eyes to the needs of those around us and inspire us to be agents of comfort to the distressed and instruments of healing and relief to the sick and suffering, especially those we name before You in our hearts. (“Silence may be observed.”)
P: O Prince of Peace,
C: give us the peace that passes all understanding, that we may trust that You have come into our imperfect world and brought the perfect gift of salvation and have freely given it to us.
P: O Immanuel,
C: receive our worship and adoration, our time and talents, and the first fruits of our incomes that we bring in grateful praise to the mystery of the Word made flesh.

P: In Your hands, O gracious Lord, we place our prayers, we offer our praise, and we commend ourselves and our loved ones, trusting in Your mercy and having confidence in Your love, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, God forever.

C: Amen.

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C: Our Father, Who art in heaven...

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HYMN, "Go Tell It on the Mountain"388

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor, and grant you peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN, "Joy to the World"387

Let Us Pray...

...for our members who are homebound:

Leona Albin, Loretta Brandt, Alma Hassebrock, and Paul Zimmerman;

...for God's healing hand that has touched the lives of those who have been ill recently;

...for those in need of the Lord's care and mercy, of whom we do not know at this hour; and

...for our members and friends who are in the service of our country.

Statistics

December 18 Attendance78

December 18 Offering\$6,324.66

Serving Us Today

ElderRob Gallier

Altar GuildDebbie Lammle and Susan Martin

OrganistAlicia Haggin

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The Feast of the Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ

December 25, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.



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Announcements

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