

# *Celebration of Worship*

## *The Second Sunday After Christmas*

January 7, 2018

9:30 A.M.

We welcome you to worship. We are glad that you are here! Nursery and Preschool care is available if you need it. The Young and Young at Heart are welcomed to the front early on for a special time in the service. Please sign the Friendship Pads so that we can get to know you better, and join us for coffee in the Narthex after the service.

### **Thought for Reflection**

*“The great lesson of the true mystics is that the sacred is in the ordinary, that it is found in one’s daily life, in one’s neighbors, friends, family, and in one’s own backyard. To be looking elsewhere for miracles is to me a sure sign of ignorance that everything is miraculous.”*

*Abraham Maslow, from “Religions, Values, and Peak Experiences”*

WELCOME

RINGING THE CHURCH BELL

PRELUDE *Angels We Have Heard on High* arr. Keveren

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively) Based on *Psalm 29*

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O mighty ones, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Let the people say...

**People: Glory!**

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due to his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness. Let the people say...

**People: Glory!**

Leader: The Lord is enthroned over the flood; the Lord is enthroned as King forever. Let the people say...

**People: Glory!**

Leader: The Lord gives strength to his people; the Lord blesses his people with peace. Let the people say...

**People: All glory and praise be to you, Lord God!**

PRAYER FOR A NEW YEAR

\* Please stand, if you are able.

\* CAROL *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

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WORDS FOR THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

Message *A Year of Good Words*

Prayer

*(Children in Preschool through 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade are dismissed for Praise & Play.)*

BRINGING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *He Is Born* arr. Garton  
Jackie Anderson, Bell Tree; Patricia Korenkiewicz, Piano

GOSPEL LESSON *Mark 1:4-11* p. 812

\* CAROL *As with Gladness Men of Old* # 63

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Psalms 29* p. 438

MEDITATION **“BOOM!!!”** says the Lord  
Pastor Larry De Vuyst

TIME OF CONFESSION

PARDONING AND GRACE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison)

We believe in God, who is Creator, Maker of all we see and all that we cannot see; who is ruler of the universe; source of all creation!  
We believe in one God, who is Jesus Christ, God from God, Light from Light, true God and true human. He is one with the Creator; the Word made flesh, our Messiah; Savior of all creation!  
We believe in one God, who is Holy Spirit, Breath of God moving among us; who is one with the Creator; one with Christ; our Comforter and our Guide; mentor of all creation!

### **The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**

The Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

The Words of Institution

The Communion

A TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts/Debtors)

\* CAROL                      *We Three Kings of Orient Are*                      # 66

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* BENEDICTION

Pastor: May the light always shine in your darkness.  
May your ears always hear the Word.  
May grace upon grace be yours,  
And may the Glory of the Father's only Son be known to  
you now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

\* CHORAL RESPONSE                      *Go Now in Peace*                      Besig and Price

Chancel Choir

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
Know He will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

\* POSTLUDE                      *Ding Dong Merrily on High*                      arr. Ham