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1st Sunday after Christmas – December 28, 2025

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE AND TOLLING OF THE BELL

"Masters in This Hall" – arranged by Mark Hayes

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The light of Christ still shines.

All: Even after the songs have faded and the night has passed.

One: The Word has taken flesh and dwells among us.

All: Not only in wonder, but in ordinary days.

One: Come, all who treasure these things in your hearts.

All: We come to listen, to wonder, and to grow.

One: Come, all who are still walking with questions.

All: We come trusting that God meets us on the way.

One: Let us worship the God who came, who stays, and who calls us forward.

All: We come to worship, and to live the story still.

HYMN #189 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

CONFESSION

God of nearness and grace, you came to us in Jesus Christ — not in power and spectacle, but in vulnerability and love. And yet we confess: we often rush past the mystery. We return quickly to familiar routines and forget to notice where you are still at work. We confess that we prefer certainty to wonder, comfort to growth, and familiar stories to challenging truths. We welcome the Christ child, yet resist the way of Christ in our lives. Forgive us, O God. Slow us down. Open our hearts again

to the quiet, faithful presence of Emmanuel — God with us, still.

ASSURANCE

The grace revealed in Jesus Christ does not fade with the season. The God who came among us continues to dwell with us in mercy and love. In Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and invited again — not to return to the manger, but to walk forward in hope. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE (tune “What Child is This”, no refrain)

**To God, all glorious heavenly Light,
To Christ revealed in earthly night,
To God the Spirit now we raise
Our joyful words of thankful praise.**

A CELEBRATION OF CAROLS

#215 Were You There on That Christmas Night

#213 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime

#222 On Christmas Night All Christians Sing

#225 I Wonder as I Wander

#162 like a child

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

OFFERING / OFFERING RESPONSE

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow:
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above the heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of abundant love, we give thanks for your presence with us. Bless these gifts and use them to continue the work you began at Christmas — healing, welcoming, and showing your love in the world. May our lives, like these offerings, point to the Christ who came, who stays, and who sends us. Amen.

HYMN #185 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION (#228, verse 6)

All glory be to God on high,
and to the earth be peace;
good will henceforth from heaven to all
begin and never cease, begin and never cease.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar flowers this morning are presented by Mary Jane Long in honor of family and friends.

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON originally scheduled for today after the service has been cancelled.

NO BIBLE STUDY THIS WEEK. Bible Study will resume on Thursday, January 8 at 10 am.

LIBRARY HOURS—Every Saturday from 10 am until noon, first Wednesday of the month from 9 am till 10:30 am and the third Wednesday of the month from 5:30 pm till 7 pm.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

2 Gavin Bealer

12/21/25 GIVING--\$2,167.00 GIVING THUS FAR--\$68,118.75