

SUNDAY SERVICE FOR DECEMBER 26, 2021

PRELUDE “Once In Royal David’s City” -arr. A. Whitworth

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

• CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsively*)

One: As God’s chosen ones, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

ALL: Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

One: Let the peace of Christ dwell in your hearts.

ALL: And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

• OPENING HYMN #149 “Angels, from the Realms of Glory”(*We encourage masking while singing*)

• OPENING PRAYER (*In unison*)

Just as a youthful Jesus left his parents to signal his future as God’s messenger in a troubled world, may we search for Your plan for us as followers of Christ. We pray that You help us recognize that the time has come to quiet the anger and distrust in our communities. Teach us to replace hatred and prejudice with genuine compassion, patience, and kindness in our daily interactions with one another. Enable us to listen for the voice of Your Holy Spirit as we work to overcome distractions that divide us. Help us search for peace and justice in our time. Together as Your children, may we learn anew the lessons Christ taught us in the Gospels and by his example. Amen.

• WORDS OF ASSURANCE

• THE GLORIA PATRI #35 (*Sung by all*)(*We encourage masking while singing.*)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,

And to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning,

Is now, and ever shall be

World without end. Amen. Amen.

• PASSING OF THE PEACE

(As we greet those around us with the sign of peace, please be respectful of each other’s comfort level.)

MUSICAL RESPONSE “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

SCRIPTURE

First Reading: **Psalm 148** (*page 582*)

Second Reading: **Luke 2:41-52** (*page 59*)

SERMON “Were You Looking For Me?” Gene Detert

(There is no Sunday School today, children will remain in the pews with their families.)

SOLO “The Birthday of a King” -W. Neidlinger *(Kylie Peters, soloist)*

CALL TO OFFER OUR TIME AND TALENTS

(Offering plates can be found at the center doors outside the sanctuary. Giving is also possible online through VANCO MOBILE on our website and through the sharing of your gifts in service.)

•OFFERTORY RESPONSE #162 “What Child Is This” (Vs 3) *(Sung by all)*
(We encourage masking while singing.)

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, rich, and poor, to own him, The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing: Haste, haste to bring him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

• PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, thank you for Christmas. Thank you for the birth of Your son, our savior, Jesus. Born in a manger and born in our hearts again in this Christmas season. Receive this offering and bless our lives in the name of the little babe of Bethlehem. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE - SILENT PRAYER - PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER *(In unison)*

**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.**

• CLOSING HYMN #150 “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” *(We encourage masking while singing)*

• COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “From Heaven Above to Earth I Come” -arr. J. Pachelbel

Enter to Worship – Depart to Serve

Our time of worship concludes at the end of the Postlude. If you would like to remain in the sanctuary to listen to this music written and played to glorify God, please do so quietly. Otherwise, you may join others in the narthex for refreshments and fellowship.

Psalm 148

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.

He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the LORD!