

Order of Worship
December 25, 2016 – 11:00 a.m.
Christmas Day

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

PRAISE AND ADORATION

Call to Worship: (responsively) (Isaiah 9:6-7)

Leader: For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;

People: Authority rests upon his shoulders; and he shall be called:

All: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Leader: His authority shall grow continually,

People: And there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom.

Leader: He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore.

All: The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

*Hymn: "Angel from the Realms of Glory" # 22

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession: (in unison)

God-with-us, we confess that we have not completely embraced your love with our lives. We speak when we ought to listen; we are silent when we ought to sing. We are consumed with vanity, and work for things which will one day perish. Forgive us, loving God. Enable us to believe and receive the glory of your Word made flesh, and to spread the Good News of great joy which is found in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Confession Response: **"Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us."** # 574

Assurance of Pardon

Greeting One Another

*Response "Gloria Patri" # 579

HEARING THE WORD

Let the Children Come

Choral Music

Scripture Reading: John 1:1-14

Sermon: "Love in the Flesh"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn: "Joy to the World" # 40

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Offertory and Presentation of Gifts to God

*Doxology # 592

*Prayer of Dedication

Affirmation of Faith: part 2 of The Nicene Creed

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. Amen.

*Hymn: "Go, Tell it on the Mountain" # 29

*Charge and Benediction

***Benediction Response: "God be with you til we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you; with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you til we meet again."**