



First Sunday after Christmas

Sunday, December 29, 2024 ❖ 8:00 am

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Jason Shelby

Deacon: The Rev. Celeste Stump

Guest Organist: Patricia Johnson

We warmly welcome you if you are here with us for the first time today. We joyfully welcome all people into our community without exception. Whoever you are, and whatever the status of your relationship with God, you will find fellow travelers here. Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service.

Please take a moment to silence your cellphone. Thank you.

Coming Events

Monday, Dec. 30 and Tuesday, Dec. 31 — Church office closed

Wednesday, Jan. 1 — Church office closed

Thursday, Jan. 2 – 1:00 pm Quilting and Knitting Group

Sunday, Jan. 5

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I in the Chapel
- 9:10 am Spiritual Formation Class: “Who is Jesus?”
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Monday, Jan. 6 – Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, Jan. 8

- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist in the Chapel
- 11:00 am Good Grief Meeting
- 6:00 pm Nurture Group
- 6:00 pm Men’s Corner Meeting

Thursday, Jan. 9 – 1:00 pm Quilting and Knitting Group

Friday, Jan. 10 – 9:00 am Beaders Group

For more events, dates and times, visit our church calendar:

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The Processional Hymn: How Bright Appears the Morning Star

Hymnal #497

How bright ap - pears the Morn - ing star, with
 Though cir - cled by the hosts on high, he
 Re - joice, ye heavens; thou earth, re - ply; with

3
 mer - cy beam - ing from a - far; the host of heaven re - joic - es; O
 deigned to cast a pit - ying eye up - on his help - less crea - ture; the
 praise, ye sin - ners fill the sky, for this his In - car - na - tion. In -

7
 right - eous Branch, O Jes - se's Rod! Thou Son of Man and
 whole cre - a - tion's Head and Lord, by high - est ser - a -
 car - nate God, put forth thy power, ride on, ride on, great

10
 Son of God! We, too, will lift our voic - es: Je - sus, Je - sus!
 phim a - dored, as - sumed our ve - ry na - ture; Je - sus, grant us,
 Con - quer - or, till all know thy sal - va - tion. A - men, A - men!

15
 Ho - ly, ho - ly yet most low - ly, draw thou near us;
 through thy mer - it, to in - her - it thy sal - va - tion;
 Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise be giv - en

18
 great Em - man - uel, come and hear us.
 hear, O hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.
 ev - er - more, by earth and hea - ven.

Words: William Mercer (1811-1873), after Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608).
 Music: "Wie schön leuchtet," melody att. Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608);
 arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

The Opening Acclamation.....Book of Common Prayer p. 323
The Collect for Purity.....Book of Common Prayer p. 323
The Summary of the LawBook of Common Prayer p. 324
The KyrieBook of Common Prayer p. 324
The Collect of the Day.....Book of Common Prayer p. 161
The First Lesson.....Isaiah 61:10--62:3

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

^{62:1}For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. ²The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

The Response.....Psalm 147 (Book of Common Prayer p. 804)

The Epistle Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

²³Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

^{4:4}But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. ⁶And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

The Holy Gospel..... John 1:1-18

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'")

¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Sermon The Rev. Jason Shelby

The Nicene CreedBook of Common Prayer p. 327

The Prayers of the PeopleBook of Common Prayer p. 328
 The ConfessionBook of Common Prayer p. 331
 The PeaceBook of Common Prayer p. 332

The Welcome and Announcements

Anyone who has a birthday or anniversary in the next week is invited to come forward for a blessing:

Watch over your child(ren), O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may the peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving.....Book of Common Prayer p. 333
 The Lord’s Prayer.....Book of Common Prayer p. 364
 The Post-Communion PrayerBook of Common Prayer p. 339
 The Blessing and Sending Forth.....Book of Common Prayer p. 339

The Recessional Hymn: Joy to the World

Hymnal #100

Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
 let earth receive her King;
 let every heart prepare him room,
 and heaven and nature sing.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
 nor thorns infest the ground;
 he comes to make his blessings flow
 far as the curse is found.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;
 let us our songs employ,
 while fields and floods, rocks,
 hills and plains,
 repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
 and makes the nations prove
 the glories of his righteousness,
 and wonders of his love.

The Postlude

Prayers this Week

We pray for all those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and for their families, especially Thomas, Drew Deley, Michael Heredia, Mark Kappelmann, Joseph Leahy, TJ Malzahn, Will Piepenbring, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Barry Witt, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve.

Those who are ill, recovering from surgery, or in any other kind of need or trouble: Albert, Andrea, Barbara Shelby, Billy Whelan, Bruce Schaefer, Carlos, Ceri Falk, Charlotte Baker, Chris, Chris Goldsmith, Colette Furbush, Daniel Drayling, Erica, Gail Winters, George Ginis, Hector Gutierrez, Jayne, Judy Morgan, Kristen, Loren, Patt Parker, Richard Cantine, Roxanne Wall, Sally Hill, Stephen, Tommy, Tony Deley, the people of the Middle East, and victims of violence everywhere.

We pray for all who have died that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

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