



Service for the Lord's Day

January 5, 2020 11:00 a.m.

2nd Sunday of Christmas



New to Hunter? Here's some information to help you feel at home. Where you see asterisks in the bulletin, you're invited to stand. When we pass the peace, you're invited to greet those around you with a joyful sign of Christ's peace. All children are welcome to come forward for the sharing with young disciples. When we share our joys & concerns, feel free to join in. It is our usual custom to celebrate Communion by intinction, that is, by dipping a piece of bread into the cup in order to receive both elements of the sacrament simultaneously. We choose from a selection of several different kinds of bread (including gluten-free crackers) coming from various cultures in order to evoke the diversity of God's people, and our grape juice is non-alcoholic. We offer a nursery for newborns through 3-year-olds. Thank you for visiting Hunter. We're glad you're here! Before you leave, please place a welcome card in the offering plate.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

David Azeem

*Lighting of the Christ Candle

Arise, shine; for your light has come,

And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Nations shall come to your light

And rulers to the brightness of your rising.

Let us Worship God.

*Hymn 152

"What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright"

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

Prayer of Confession

Radiant and Surprising God, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.

(moment for silent reflection)

Assurance of Grace

*Hymn 102

"Savior of the Nations, Come"
(verse 4)

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

*Passing of the Peace

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Gathering Song

"Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn"
(hymn 107, verse 4)

REJOICE, REJOICE

**Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night. Though dark the winter and cheerless,
the rising sun shall crown you with light; be strong and loving and fearless.
Love be our song and love our prayer and love our endless story;
may God fill every day we share and bring us at last into glory.**

Sharing with Young Disciples

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from the Old Testament

Isaiah 60:1-6

(O.T., p. 690)

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

Refrain

Advent: Come, Lord, come soon, so that wars may cease.
Epiphany/General: We, too, bow down. In one voice we raise,
 Come, Lord, come soon; bring joy and peace.
 ev - er to sing un - end - ing praise.

Reading from the New Testament

Matthew 2:1-12

(N.T., p. 2)

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

Message

"Three Gifts"

J. T. Silence

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Choral Anthem

Sharing Our Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Presenting Our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

"Behold a Host Arrayed in White"

arr. Tim Doran

*Hymn

VENI EMMANUEL

All blessings flow from God above, Who sent us Jesus demonstrating love.
The Spirit guides as we expect new birth, O Triune God redeem your earth!
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Epiphany Thanksgiving and Prayers of the People

.... help us make a welcome for people of every race and tongue.

The grace of God be with us all.

.... further peace and freedom for all.

The grace of God be with us all.

.... sustain the faith of the persecuted.

The grace of God be with us all. Amen.

Hymn #562

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

The Prayer continues

....warm and brighten us to be your presence among those we encounter.

The grace of God be with us all. Amen.

...praise to God in whom all things find their ending, now and ever.

Amen.

Words of Institution

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn 151

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

KINGS OF ORIENT

*Charge & Benediction

*Hymn 564

"Amen"

AMEN

Postlude

Prelude in A Minor, BWV 559

by J. S. Bach

Depart in Peace

*Please stand as you are able.

Household Prayer: Eternal God, by a star you led magi to the worship of your Son. Guide the nations of the earth by your light, that the whole world may see your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

This Week at Hunter

1/8 Wednesday	Choir Practice 7:00p.m.
1/9 Thursday	Blessings in a Backpack (Glendover) 11:00a.m.
1/12 Sunday	Early Worship 8:45a.m. Sunday School 9:30a.m. Morning Worship 11:00a.m.

Sunday Announcements

A warm welcome to all visitors. We are glad you chose to worship with us today.

Our liturgist today is: **Betsy Taylor**

Prayer Requests:

Prayers for: Charlie Allen, Beth Webster, Ann Freytag, Roger Guffey, Jim Almgren, Ruth, Dorothy, and the Beattie family, Todd Guffey, Anthony Battista (grandson of David & Brenda Reynolds), Rubin Thomas, Wilton Cherry, Doris Palmer, Ann Johnson (friend of Bob White & Annie Rhoten).

Annie Rhoten will lead the Alternatives Class in January with an audio book – "A Return to Love," by Marianne Williamson. They meet in the 2nd floor lounge at 9:30a.m. for 15 minutes of fellowship and begin at 9:45a.m.

CALLING WOMEN OF ALL AGES...LET'S CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR! We will have a **Winter Soup Supper** on Sunday, January 12, 2020, 5:00p.m. at the home of Frankie Daniel, 1272 Standish Way off Versailles Road. Don't dress up! Bring something to share; soup will be provided. There is no program. RSVP: frankied29@gmail.com

There will be a Unity Garden meeting on Tuesday, January 14th from 6:30 pm to 8 pm to work on detaping cardboard (if school is canceled due to snow then we will not be meeting).