



Service for the Lord's Day

December 26, 2021 11:00 a.m.

1st 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. 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 "Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine" arr. Keith Chapman

Welcome & Announcements

*Call to Worship

The night is over, the Lord is come.

Alleluia Praise the Holy Child.

We return to work and world,

And yet our hearts are changed, for Christ the Lord has entered in.

*Hymn 33 "Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show" LLANFAIR

Prayer of Confession

In the light of Your coming Jesus, we are quick to return to life as usual. We return to the business of daily life, too quickly forgetting the good news your birth brings. Returning to old lives and old ways we can become complacent again.

Awaken us, remake us. Fill us with Your life and light anew. Let the good news that flows from your birth, life and ministry capture us once again and send us in Your name to bear good tidings and do holy work to transform the life of the world through our faithfulness and joyful service. Amen.

(moment for silent reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn 584 "Glory, Glory, Glory" CUEQUITA

*Passing of the Peace

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

And also with you.

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from the New Testament Matthew 2:11-15 (N.T., p. 2)

Reading from the New Testament Luke 2:17-19 (N.T., p. 58)

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

Message "Christmas: the Sequel" Ray Mendenhall

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People

Presenting Our Tithes & Offerings

Choral Anthem "A Lute Caroll" Mary E. Caldwell

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication

*Hymn 35 "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" LOBE DEN HERREN

*Charge & Benediction

*Hymn 574

"Amen"

AMEN

Postlude

"Sing We Now of Christmas"

arr. Diane Bish

Depart in Peace

*Please stand as you are able.

Household Prayer: Almighty God, you wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of Jesus Christ who came to share our humanity, and who now lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Sunday Announcements

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

Our liturgist today is: **Barbara Rogers**

Acolyte: **Colin Smith**

Prayer Requests

Prayers for: The family of Susan Durant, all those affected by the tornadoes in Western KY and beyond, Becky Giff, Lori Taylor (a friend of Lynn Davis' who is battling cancer), Jim & Betty Scott and Rue Wallace.

If you ordered a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one, and didn't take it home after the Christmas Eve service, please be so kind as to take it home with you after the service today.

A big thank you to all who helped with the Christmas Goody Bags:

- To those who provided items for the bags,
- To those who packed the bags,
- To those who helped to distribute the bags on Sunday after worship,
- To those who delivered bags to members who were unable to get to Hunter on Sunday.

In all, we assembled and distributed 60 goody bags. Many thanks to all involved.

The church office will be closed Friday, December 31 and Monday, January 3 in observance of the New Year holiday.

If you would like to talk with Ray Mendenhall, he can be reached at 859-940-1735 or you can email him at: rwmend@gmail.com.

Thank you to those who shared in leading today's service: Hyunjin Kwak, Allen Fletcher, Barbara Rogers, Colin Smith and Val Zeps.

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