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December 27, 2020

First Sunday of Christmas
Final Sunday Offering

10:30 AM

GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Rejoice in the Lord with exceeding joy! Do not keep silent, but exult in the Lord!

P: Salvation shines forth like a burning torch! Victory breaks out like a new day dawning!

L: The nations shall see the glory of God's people! All creation shall see it and praise the Lord!

P: Our God has called righteousness forth! The praises of the Lord arise from the earth!

L: Open your hearts to the Spirit of Christ! Let the light of God stream through you!

P: The glory of the Lord is alive and among us! The Lord has come to redeem us!

L: Let us worship God!

HYMN

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Boyce Worship

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Saving God, we step into your revealing light, knowing that not all of our inner thoughts are godly, not all of our deeds holy, not all of our words worthy. Examine us, that the truths you would have us know about ourselves might pierce our hearts, renew our minds, and quicken our souls. Purify us, that your Holy Spirit might give growth to your children, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

L: Christ has come to bring gladness to replace our sorrow, a new garland instead of ashes.

P: Surely God blesses us despite our sin, proclaiming a Jubilee, a year of the Lord's favor, so that the world might learn a new definition of justice: God's

justice, which is rooted in the rich earth of forgiveness, producing shoots of praise and good will!

L: By the power of Christ interceding at God's right hand for us, know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

ANTHEM

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Chris Rupp

NT LESSON

Luke 2:1-20

SERMON

Ours is a Shepherd's Story

The Rev. Dr. Evan R. Smith

HYMN

Angels We Have Heard on High

Awaken Worship

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

PRAYERS

PRAYER CONCERNS

Linda Kincheloe
Kay Mader
Martha Wilkerson
Nita Wimer
Earl Flower
Amanda Harris
The Dull Family
Michelle Nuckols

SHUT-INS

Brannock Easley
Tim Clemmer
Earl & Jean Flower - Legacy

BIRTHDAYS

29 Sherill Robinson
31 Michelle Snyder Nuckols
31 Judah Fisher Smith

ANNIVERSARIES

NONE

IN THE MILITARY

Cole A Smiley, Army - Grandson of Nita & Woodie Wimer
Scott Dice – Son of Melissa and Harry Dice
Nick Dubyk – Grandson of Betty and the late Willis Clemmer
Christopher Todd – Grandson of Ralph and the late Ruth Weller
Matthew Witcofsky – Son of Janet and Joe Witcofsky

QUICK REMINDER

Please call the Church Office (885-8159) if you or someone in your family goes into the hospital. This is the only sure way that we will know of your situation, so visits and other support can be given.