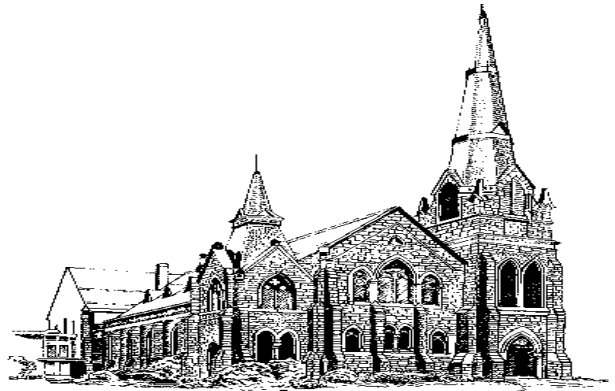


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*Our Mission: Shining God's light by ...
Knowing Christ, Growing in His love, Going where He leads.*

*Sunday, December 31, 2023
10:00 am
First Sunday of Christmas*

REFLECTION

"Enter the coming year with renewed hope in the power of God to do through you what you cannot."

Author: John MacArthur

*OPENING SONG

"Boxing Day"

by: Relient K

Take it all down, Christmas is over
Do not despair but rather be glad
We had a good year, now let's have another
Remembering all the good times that we had

Oh, no more lights glistening, no more carols to sing
But Christmas, it makes way for spring

The hearts of men are bitter and weathered
As cold as the snow that falls from above
But just for one day we all came together
We showed the whole world that we know how to love

Oh, no more lights glistening, no more carols to sing
But Christmas, it makes way for spring

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But Christmas, it makes way for spring

Oh, remember that Christmas it makes way for spring

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

*SONGS

“Come Thou Fount (Above All Else)”

By: Shane & Shane

Come thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Calls for songs of loudest praise

Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise my Ebenezer
Hither by Thy help I come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home

Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood

Oh to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to Thee

Prone to wander, Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

Above all else I adore Your name
Above all else tune my heart to sing Your praise
Above all else I adore Your name *REPEAT 3X*

Above all else tune my heart to sing Your praise
The highest praise, the loudest praise
To the name above every name
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love

*SONG

"Midnight Clear (Love Song)"

by: Chris Tomlin

It came upon the midnight clear
That glorious song of old
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold
Peace on the earth, goodwill to men
From heaven's all gracious King
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing

Glory to God in the highest
Glory to God evermore
Good news, great joy for all
Melody breaks through the silence
Christ, the Savior is born!
Jesus, the love song of God!

Still through the cloven skies they come
With peaceful wings unfurled
And still their heavenly music floats
Through all the weary world
And man at war with man hears not
The love song which they bring
O hush the noise and cease the strife
And hear the angels sing

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SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:22-35

Page, 55, NT

READING

Bonnie Chiappetta

You could have stepped into creation
With fire for all to see
Brought every tribe and nation to their knees
Arriving with the host of heaven
In royal robe and crown
The rulers of the earth all bowing down

But You chose meekness over majesty
Wrapped Your power in humanity

Glory be to You alone
King who reigns from a manger throne
My life, my praise, everything I own
To Jesus the King on a manger throne

You could have marched in all Your glory
Into the heart of Rome
Showed them splendor like they'd never known

But You wrote a better story
In humble Bethlehem
Creator in the arms of common men

You will die for our redemption
And You'll rise so we can live

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King who reigns from a manger throne
My life, my praise, everything I own
To Jesus the King on a manger throne

From heaven to the cradle
From cradle to the cross
Let heaven and nature sing
This is our King
But the grave couldn't hold Him
Our God has overcome
Let Heaven and nature sing
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All hail the King
All hail the King
All hail the King

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JOYS AND CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

*CLOSING SONG

"Doxology"

by: Phil Wickham

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise Christ, all creatures here below
Praise Holy Spirit ever more
Praise Triune God whom we adore

Amen, Amen, Amen
God, we praise You
God, we praise You

Praise God, for all that He has done
Praise Christ, for He has overcome
The grave is beaten, love has won
Praise Savior, Spirit, God in one

Amen, Amen, Amen
God, we praise You
God, we praise You
Amen, Amen, Amen
Amen, Amen, Amen
We praise You
We praise You *REPEAT 2X*

*BENEDICTION

*Please rise in the body or spirit

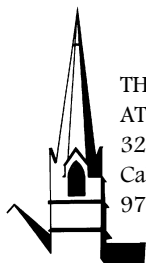
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✠ We are glad you have chosen to worship here today! Please come again!

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