

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.”
Psalm 46:1



"First Sunday of Christmas"

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Meet with us online or via phone at 10 am:
Look under "Updates" on our site to join online
or call 312-626-6799 and when prompted
enter the Meeting ID: 942 617 477 (followed by #).
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Service for the Lord's Day

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

One: We gather wondering, 'Where will we find the Babe born in Bethlehem?'

Many: We will find the Babe in the laughter of children, in the wisdom of grandparents.

One: We gather asking, where will we find the Child of Christmas?'

Many: We will find the Child where the needy are gifted with hope, where the oppressed are set free.

One: We gather wanting to know, 'where will we find the Christ who has come for us?'

Many: We will find our Hope where fear is overwhelmed by grace, where hatred is overwhelmed by love, where all people are overwhelmed by joy.

Hymn #38 It Came Upon The Midnight Clear

Prayer of Confession

We search for your light, Star Caster, but too often end up settling for the dimness of temptation. Our motives for seeking to find Christ are not always pure, for we expect him to fulfill our desires, rather than your hopes for us. We want the gifts of wealth, health, success, fulfillment, rather than those of servanthood, of compassion, of peace.

Forgive us, Shaper of our lives, that we are so foolish to put our needs ahead of your grace. Help us to be like those wise people of so long ago, who found hope, instead of a destination; who found grace, instead of gratitude; who found salvation, instead of a sign. As we journey with your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, fill us with the light of your joy and love. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Response "Gloria Patri"

Passing the Peace

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

Many: and also, with you.

One: Let us share a sign of Christ's peace.

Prayer of Illumination

Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Scripture: ***Psalm 46***
 John 1:1-14

Sermon: "Modest Thoughts for a New Year" Reverend Doug Mankell

Hymn ***I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day***

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 Checks may be mailed to the church

Response of Praise ***"Doxology"***

Prayer of Dedication:

May the gifts we offer bring food to the hungry, healing to the broken, community to the lonely, and hope to those who live in the shadows of our time. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Charge and Benediction

Liturgy from Thom M. Shuman: lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com