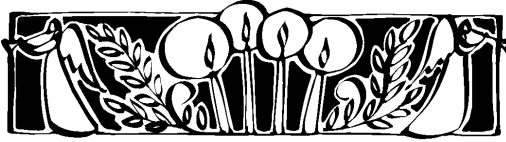


First
Sunday after
Christmas



PRELUDE

Christmas Songs Medley arr. N.Olanday

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

CALL TO WORSHIP

***PROCESSIONAL CAROL**

#188 Angels We Have Heard on High GLORIA

***INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Generous God,
You have faithfully brought us through another year.
You have provided for all our needs,
even when we feared lack.
You sent someone to care, when we felt lonely.
Amid our pain and suffering,
your healing hand was present.
You showed us that from everlasting to everlasting
you are the same loving father and friend.

Forgive us when we worry
and doubt the integrity of your word;
when we choose the glitter of this world
rather than the gold of your revealed wisdom;
and when we settle for less than your abundance.

(Silence for personal reflection and confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI**

R. Goodson

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and
Ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

FIRST READING

Psalms 90 Pages 605-606, 1st half of the NRSV Bible
Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

RESPONSIVE READING

One: Mary pondered all the things she heard
and saw concerning her baby, Jesus.

**Many: The choir of angels
announcing their message of hope.**

One: The shepherds who came to worship.

**Many: The magi, with their gifts of gold,
frankincense and myrrh.**

One: God is always speaking to us
through various avenues.

**All: Like Mary, let us take the time to ponder
or meditate on all the things God reveals to us,
every day of our lives.**

***CAROL OF PRAISE**

#222 On Christmas Night All Christians Sing
SUSSEX CAROL

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***CAROL OF MEDITATION**

#180 O Little Town of Bethlehem ST. LOUIS

SECOND READING

Luke 2:15-19 Pages 60, 2nd half of the NRSV Bible
Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Allan Effa

(Silence for personal reflection)

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Christmas Lullaby arr. N.Olanday

***Offertory Response**

So, bring him incense, gold and myrrh,
come, peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings,
let loving hearts enthrone him.
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary!

***Prayer of Gratitude**

***CAROL FOR THE JOURNEY**

#200 While by the Sheep JÜNGST

***THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY**

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love
of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.
People: And also with you.

***The Sending of the Community**

***Congregational Amen**

*The service of the church into the world - - begins again
this week*

POSTLUDE

Dance of the Sugar Plums
P.I. Tchaikovsky, arr. Strelezki, Espipoff

***Please stand, as you are able**

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:
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Readers - Debbie Benson, Devi Henry;
Guest Pianist - Nathan Olanday.

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some members who have severe scent sensitivities, we ask that
people refrain from wearing perfumes and colognes on Sunday
morning to church. Thank you for helping us care for one another.
— FBC Council*