

# CHRISTMAS

**The First Sunday in Christmas**

Sunday, December 31, 2023



**TODAY'S OFFERING OF WORSHIP  
THIS FIRST SUNDAY IN CHRISTMAS**

*We gather together...*

**PRELUDE:** *Gesù bambino*

*Pietro Yon*

**WELCOME**

\***HYMN #162:** *Angels We Have Heard on High*

\***INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

*...to hear God's Word...*

**FIRST LESSON**

Isaiah 61:10-62:3 (*Old Testament page 692*)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Amen.**

**PSALM**

**HYMNAL #860:** Psalm 148

**SECOND LESSON**

Galatians 4:4-7 (*New Testament page 189*)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Amen.**

\***GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 2:22-40 (*New Testament page 59*)

The Gospel of our Lord, God's living Word. **Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

\***HYMN #200:** *Song of Simeon*

**SERMON:** *Rev. Todd Johnson*

*...and to respond with our lives...*

**\*HYMN #161:** *From Heaven above to Earth I Come*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**OFFERINGS TO GOD**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERING**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*...in the places we now go.*

**\*HYMN #188:** *Go, Tell it on the Mountain*

**\*BENEDICTION**

May Christ our infant Savior give you the joy of the Bethlehem shepherds, the awe of the worshiping sages, and the humility and love of Mary and Joseph. **AMEN.**

May God who sent angels from heaven to proclaim the glad news of our Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel in all you say and do. **AMEN.**

May Christ, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven give you God's peace and favor. **AMEN.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you forever. **AMEN.**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** *Good Christians All, Rejoice* (#173)

**Good Christians all, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!  
Now you need not fear the grave.**

**Peace! Peace! Jesus Christ was born to save!**

**Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall!**

**Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!**

**POSTLUDE:** *Christmas Medley*

ARR: *Jurhee Hong*

*Join us after the service for coffee and conversation,  
in the Narthex.*

*Welcome!*

GREETER: Cinda Madonna

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