

Sunday, January 1, 2023

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

Blessed be God's name forever. Amen.

Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep. Let us confront our sins,
and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

God of new beginnings,

**We confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign. We have strayed from your paths.
We prepare for war instead of peace. We dishonor one another and your creation.
Purify us with your refining fire and set us again on your way of love,
that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance, and welcome your coming among us.
Amen.**

People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign.
By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder. You have put on Christ,
and your sins have been washed away.
Rejoice in the way of the Lord.
Amen.

Opening Hymn

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth,
Once you sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth.

Chorus:

Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ the newborn King!

Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing, yonder shines the infant light. *(Chorus)*

All creation, join in praising God, the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One. *(Chorus)*

Invocation

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Prayer of the Day

Gracious Lord God, you blessed Jesus with a rich line of diverse ancestors. In your wisdom and love, bless all our families, those related by blood and those brought to us by love. For the sake of Jesus Christ we pray.
Amen.

Message

Hymn of the Day

Auld Lang Syne

Should auld acquaintance be forgot
And never brought to mind?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot
And days of auld lang syne?

For auld lang syne, my dear,
For auld lang syne,
Should auld acquaintance be forgot
And days of auld lang syne?

So here's a hand, my trusted friend
And give me a hand of thine
We'll take a cup of kindness yet
For auld lang syne

For auld lang syne, my dear,
For auld lang syne,
We'll take a cup of kindness yet,
For auld lang syne,

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

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Closing Prayer

Gracious Lord God, as we prepare to receive your son, Jesus, at the beginning of this new year, strengthen us to serve you with pure hearts and minds. By his coming, give to all the people of the world knowledge of new life in you. Transform us by your grace so that we may walk in your way. In your name we pray.

Amen.

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 forever and ever.

Amen.

Benediction

May Almighty God, Creator, Christ, and Comforter, keep you in God's light, God's truth, and God's love, now and forever.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

Wonderful Counselor

Chorus:

Sing Hallelujah to the Wonderful Counselor

Sing Hallelujah to the Mighty God

Sing Hallelujah to the Father Forever and

Sing Hallelujah to the true Prince of Peace

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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In Our Prayers this Week:

Shirley Johnson, Elvina Nelson, Sean Stephanson (nephew of Steve & Bernie Venske),
Bruce Morem (father of Nikki Hunkins), Stella Halvorson, Gwen Dalchow,
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Rick & Laurie Mann, Lyle Kuntz (father of Kim Kuntz)