

**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY  
December 26, 2021**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Susan Amos, Vaughan D., Melba Felty, Carol Ferrell, Michael Fowler, Robin Jane, Heydon Lewis, Clyde Mosley, Bill Owen, Shelley Richardson, Mark Sheffield, Mary Villeponteaux and Blake White.

The arrangement at the altar is given to the glory of God and in memory of Dr. Thomas F. Van Keuren and Pretlow V. Kaichen by their family.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED DECEMBER 27 - 31.**

**WELCOME VISITORS:** We extend a warm welcome to our visitors today. If you would like to know more about our church, visit our website where you will also find links to our YouTube channels. You may also email us and we will be in touch. We are glad you are here.

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*Welcome to Christ and Grace and thank you for wearing your masks while inside the building. Worship leaders may remove masks when speaking. As a community of faith we are called to love and care for one another. We appreciate your patience with the changes in our protocol as we work to ensure the safety of all.*



**10:00 a.m. Festival of Christmas  
Lessons and Carols**

**Prelude** *Noël Huron*

Canadian Christmas Hymn, arr. Denis Bédard

**Entrance Hymn 87** *Hark! The herald angels sing*

*Mendelssohn*

**BIDDING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Dear People of God: In this Christmas Season, let it be our duty and delight to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus, and let us make the place glad with our carols of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in this city

And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry, and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

And now, to sum up all these petitions, let us pray in the words which Christ himself has taught us, saying:

**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.**

The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above, may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.**

*A moment of silence will be observed after each reading. Please remain seated to sing the carols.*

**FIRST LESSON: Genesis 3:8–15; 17–19**

**Cat Richardson**

**HYMN 82** *Of the Father's love begotten*

*Divinum mysterium*

**SECOND LESSON: Genesis 22:15–18**

**Samuel Gates**

**HYMN 81** *Lo, how a rose e'er blooming*

*Es ist ein ros*

**THIRD LESSON: Isaiah 9:2; 6–7**

**Liz Richardson**

**HYMN 115** *What child is this?*

*Greensleeves*

**FOURTH LESSON: Isaiah 11:1–3a; 4a; 6–9**

**Damon Fowler**

**HYMN 112** *In the bleak midwinter*

*Cranham*

**FIFTH LESSON: Luke 1:26–35; 38**

**Tom Little**

**HYMN 265** *The angel Gabriel*

*Gabriel's Message*

**SIXTH LESSON: Luke 2:1; 3–7**

**Kemper Brinkley**

**HYMN 89** *It came upon the midnight clear*

*Carol*

**SEVENTH LESSON: Luke 2:8–16**

**Missy Gates**

**HYMN 94** *While shepherds watched their flocks (St. 1, 2, 3, 6)*

*Winchester Old*

**EIGHTH LESSON: Matthew 2:1–12**

**Sean Little**

**HYMN 128** *We three kings*

*Three Kings of Orient*

**NINTH LESSON: John 1:1–14**

**Kathy Ferguson**

**HYMN 107** *Good Christian friends, rejoice*

*In dulci jubilo*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Officiant:* Let us bless the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN 100** *Joy to the World*

*Antioch*

### DISMISSAL

*Officiant:* May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

*People:* **Amen.**

**POSTLUDE** *Angels we have heard on high*

*French carol, arr. Richard Elliott*

Ushers: Kay Spain, Bob Holleman

Audio: Lee Adams, Bill Miller