

11:00 TRADITIONAL SERVICE

Rev. Mark Piedmonte

Music Director – Gregory Fraser

*\* Congregation please stand as you feel comfortable*

PRELUDE with SILENT PRAYERS

**GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

JANUARY MISSION MOMENT: Souper Bowl Of Caring

INTROIT: (Luke 1:46-53)

Leader: My soul magnifies the Lord,

**All: My spirit rejoices in God my Savior.**

Leader: God's mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

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Leader: God has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

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Leader: God has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly.

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Leader: God has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

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**ALL: TOGETHER WE GIVE THANKS AND PRAISE GOD OUR SAVIOR.**

\*OPENING HYMN: "O Come All Ye Faithful" (PH #41)

**The Twelve Days of Christmas** LESSONS AND CAROLS

*The twelve days of Christmas are the twelve days between Christmas Day, December 25th, when we celebrate the birth of Jesus, and the Epiphany, January 6th, the day Christians celebrate the arrival of the Wise Men and the revelation of Christ as the light of the world.*

*The song The Twelve Days of Christmas was created in England during a time of religious persecution when Catholicism was outlawed in the 16th to 18th centuries. The song was written as a kind of secret Christian creed that could be sung in public without fear of arrest. It also served as a catechism, or a way of learning or memorizing Christian teachings.*

*Each verse refers to a teaching of church doctrine, and the "True Love," giving the gifts of the song refers to God the Creator, who has given us all good gifts.*

*This morning we will review symbols of faith found in this Christmas carol, meditating on associated scripture and singing hymns along the way.*

**On The First Day of Christmas my true love gave to me a partridge in a pear tree!**

Symbolize Jesus Christ

Scripture: Matthew 23:37

Hymn: What Child is This? (PH #53 v. 1)

**On The Second Day of Christmas my true love gave to me two turtle doves...**

Symbolize the Old and New Testaments

Scripture: 1 Timothy 4:13

HYMN: Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming (PH #48 vs.1& 2)

**On the Third Day of Christmas my true love gave to me three french hens...**

Symbolizes Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-2, 11

HYMN : We Three Kings, (PH #66 v. 1)

**On The Fourth Day of Christmas my true love gave to me four calling birds...**

Symbolize The Four Gospels

Scripture: John 21:24-25

HYMN : Go, Tell it on the Mountain, (PH #29 v. 3)

**On The Fifth Day of Christmas my true love gave to me five golden rings...**

Symbolize The Pentateuch (or the five books of the Torah) Scripture: Luke 24:25-27

HYMN : It Came Upon the Midnight Clear, (PH #38 v. 1 & 4)

**On the Sixth Day of Christmas my true love gave to me six geese a-laying...**

Symbolize the Six Days of Creation

Scripture: Genesis 1:31-2:1

HYMN : The First Nowell (PH #56 v.1)

MUSIC MEDITATION

**On The Seventh Day of Christmas my true love gave to me seven swans a-swimming...**

Symbolize the Seven Gifts of the Spirit

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:4-5

HYMN : O Little Town of Bethlehem, (PH #43 v.1 & 4)

**On the Eighth Day of Christmas my true love gave to me eight maids a-milking ...**

Symbolize The Eight Beatitudes

Scripture: Matthew 5:3-10

OFFERTORY/DEDICATION: In the Bleak Midwinter, page # (verse 1)

**On The Ninth Day of Christmas *my true love gave to me* nine ladies dancing...**

Symbolize The Nine Fruits of the Spirit

Scripture: Galatians 5:22-23

HYMN : I Danced in the Morning (PH #302 v. 1)

**On The Tenth Day of Christmas *my true love gave to me* ten lords a-leaping ...**

Symbolize The Ten Commandments

Scripture: Matthew 5:17-19

HYMN : Joy to the World, (PH #40 vs. 1& 2)

**On The Eleventh Day of Christmas *my true love gave to me* eleven pipers piping ...**

Symbolize The Eleven Faithful Disciples

Scripture: Matthew 28:16-20

LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

**On The Twelfth Day of Christmas *my true love gave to me* twelve drummers drumming ...**

**Symbolizes The Apostles' Creed**

**Affirmation of Faith:** The Apostles' Creed

\*CLOSING HYMN: The Twelve Days of Christmas (insert)

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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This service is on loan from our friends at the Makemie Presbyterian Church in Snow Hill, MD. It was adapted by the Rev. Dr. Barb Hedges-Goettl from a service created by members of the Young Clergywomen Project: Katie Dawson, Melanie Harrell Delaney, Amy Fetterman, Ali Haugerud, Liz Kearny, Katrina Paxson, Katie Russell, and Stacy Smith.

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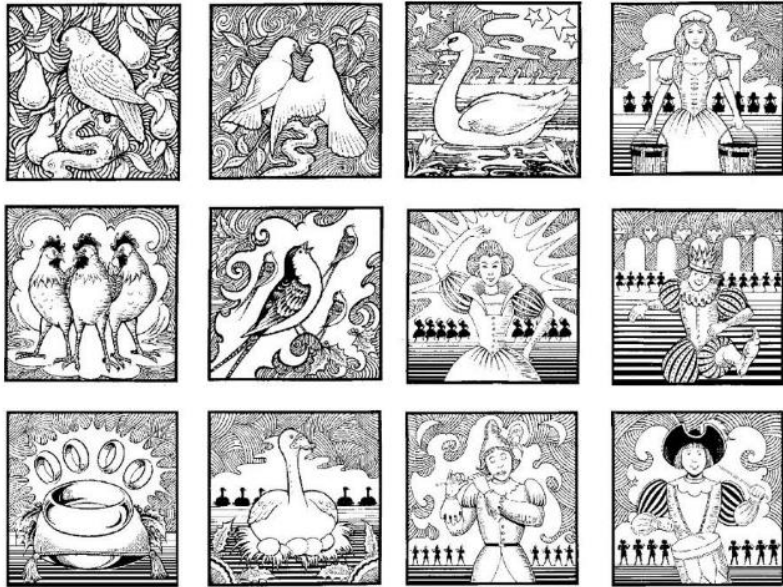
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