

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE - 11:00 A.M.

**Rev. Mark Piedmonte, Pastor****Music Director – Gregory Fraser****\* Congregation please stand as you feel comfortable**

PRELUDE with SILENT PRAYERS

**GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

JANUARY MISSION MOMENT: Souper Bowl of Caring

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: "Stay Hydrated"

Rev. Mark Piedmonte

INTROIT; What a Friend We Have in Jesus - Choir (Ph #403)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Matthew 2)

Leader: In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "*Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising.*" **All: We have come to pay Him honor.**

Leader: Herod sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "*Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.*" When they had heard the king, they set out. Ahead of them went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.

**All: We are overwhelmed with joy to pay Him honor!**

Leader: On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

**All: We kneel and pay him honor.**

Leader: And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road. **All: It is our honor to follow Him!**

\*OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray **All: God of heaven and earth, we who seek to follow your light gather now in the name of Jesus to hear your holy Word and to be immersed in your Spirit. Pour out your love upon us - as the water is poured in the fount. Show us the road you would have us walk, the paths of grace and truth that lead us to you. This we pray in the name of Jesus who came to make all things new. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN: What Star is This (PH #64)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: A prophet appeared in the wilderness calling the people to come, to repent, to be baptized and to prepare the way of the Lord. We return to the water to confess our sins, giving thanks for the grace of Jesus Christ, the one who has come to save us.

Leader: Let us pray **All: God of all glory, you look from heaven and see us as we are— not worthy to kneel at your feet, not ready to welcome your way. Forgive us, gracious God. In Christ, stoop down to save us; loosen the ties that bind us to sin and set us free to love and serve you; in Jesus' name. Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news of the gospel: As a voice from heaven said to Jesus, so God says to each of us: You are my beloved child, and with you I am well pleased. Friends, remember your Baptism and give thanks that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\*RESPONSE: GLORIA PATRI

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with all of you. **All: And also with you.**

WORDS &amp; GESTURES OF PEACE

SONG OF PRAISE: Blessed Assurance (insert)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leader: Let us join in prayer, asking for the Scriptures to be opened to us:

**All: Spirit of God, in the proclamation of your Word, reveal to us the hidden mystery of your love in Christ, and strengthen our faith that we may approach you with boldness. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING:

Luke 3:1-17; 21-22

RESPONSE TO THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord! **All: Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE: "Water for the Road"

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\*HYMN: We Three Kings (PH 66)

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed (Please remain standing)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

SHARING OUR JOYS &amp; CONCERNS (Please be seated)

Leader: Lord, in your mercy; **ALL hear our prayer**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

OFFERTORY / DEDICATION

CELEBRATION OF LORD'S SUPPER (insert)

\*CLOSING HYMN: Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun (PH 423)

\*BENEDICTION / \*RESPONSE:

POSTLUDE: Hayden Sonata in D 1<sup>st</sup> Movement

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Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine;  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

(Chorus)

*This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.  
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Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending, bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

(Chorus)

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I in my Savior am happy and blest;  
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Dear God, Thank you that you make all things new.

Thank you for all that you've allowed into our lives this past year, the good along with the hard things, which have reminded us how much we need you and rely on your presence filling us every single day.

We pray for your Spirit to lead us each step of this New Year.

We ask that you will guide our decisions and turn our hearts to deeply desire you above all else. We ask that you will open doors needing to be opened and close the ones needing to be shut tight. We ask that you would help us release our grip on the things to which you've said "no," "not yet," or "wait." We ask for help to pursue you first, above every dream and desire you've put within our hearts.

We ask for your wisdom, for your strength and power to be constantly present within us. We pray you would make us strong and courageous for the road ahead. Give us ability beyond what we feel able, let your gifts flow freely through us, so that you would be honored by our lives, and others would be drawn to you.

We pray that you'd keep us far from the snares and traps of temptations.

That you would whisper in our ear when we need to run and whisper in our heart when we need to stand our ground.

We pray for your protection over our families and friends. We ask for your hand to cover us and keep us distanced from the evil intent of the enemy; that you would be a barrier to surround us, that we'd be safe in your hands. We pray that you would give us discernment and insight beyond our years, to understand your will, hear your voice, and know your ways.

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