

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
2nd SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
9:00 A.M.

Welcome

(Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad to the end of the pew.)

Celebration of Praise

Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord
We Fall Down

Prayer of Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer

Worship Through Giving

Special Music J. B. Boonstra

Old Testament Lesson – Isaiah 60:1-6 Page 690

New Testament Lesson – Matthew 2:1-12 Page 2

Sermon Rev. Blaine Walker

“Catch a falling star and . . .”

Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Closing *Shout to the Lord*

Benediction

Response *Come, O Come, Messiah King*

Come, O Come, Messiah King
Promised Son sent to redeem
Us one by one so we may tell
The wonders of Your matchless love

Emmanuel
(CCLI Number 1230646)

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11:00 A.M.

PREPARATION

ASSEMBLING – Greet one another as we enter God's house.

WELCOME

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CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CHURCH

MEDITATION IN MUSIC *As with Gladness Men of Old* (Page 63)

When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. Matthew 2:10

A PRAYER FOR PERSONAL MEDITATION

What a wonderful gift when the Word becomes flesh and dwells among us! As Ecclesiastes reminds us, “That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already is; and God seeks out what has gone by” (*Eccl. 3:15*). Jesus Christ, the eternal Word of God, was in the beginning, is now, and evermore shall be. It is a comforting thought to realize that God's presence, “Emmanuel,” abides with us as God's grace, mercy, and strength continue to embrace us in all that we do. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Let us praise the Lord and call on God's name!

PEOPLE: **God says, “See—I am going to gather my people from the farthest parts of the earth. We shall come with songs and dancing, to feast at the table of the Lord.**

LEADER: No more will they stumble and weep, for I am their shepherd, and I will lead them home.

PEOPLE: **God has turned our mourning into joy, and our sorrow into gladness.”**

UNISON: Praise the Lord!

***HYMN OF PRAISE** *Great Day!* Page 445

***INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

***CONFESSION OF SIN** – Unison

Emmanuel,
you have come to dwell among us,
full of grace and truth,
but we have failed to welcome you.
You are the light of the world,
but we try to hide ourselves from you.
You are the giver of endless life
but we have refused your gift.
You called and claimed us as your own,
but we failed to accept you.
Forgive us, Lord.
Fill us with grace upon grace
so that we may believe in you
and become children of God. Amen.

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE** – Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.

PROCLAMATION
THE WORD OF GOD IN MUSIC

Chancel Choir

Fairest Lord Jesus

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LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON **“Catch a falling star and . . .”** Rev. Blaine Walker

RESPONSE

***HYMN** *As with Gladness Men of Old* Page 63

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

What Child Is This!

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh. Come, peasant king to own Him.

***THE 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.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

***INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

***THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE (You may hold the elements and partake together as a sign of our oneness in the Body of Christ.)

PRAYER

***HYMN** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* Eng. Page 376

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***CHARGE**

***BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING RESPONSE**

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POSTLUDE

(*) All who are able please stand. FM Listening Enhancement Devices and a Wheelchair are available. Please ask an usher for assistance. Large print hymnals are located in the cabinets in the Narthex.

