

MORNING WORSHIP

December 26, 2021

Half past Ten O'Clock

First Sunday of Christmas

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

TIME OF MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

WELCOME AND NOTICES

PRELUDE

Carol Fantasy

John E. West

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT HYMN 119 (Verse 1) "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

MENDELSSOHN

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise the Christ-child, the newborn Prince of Peace!

People: We have been redeemed. We are no longer afraid.

Leader: Praise to the God who has come to us in the flesh!

People: We are being created. We are no longer afraid.

Leader: Praise to the Spirit who calls us together to serve!

People: We will be sustained. We are no longer afraid.

Leader: Come, let us worship God!

+*HYMN 140

"Once in Royal David's City"

IRBY

CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

A Sanctified Art- Rev. Sarah Speed

**We could offer welcome,
but we often choose judgment.**

**We could choose action,
but we often choose silence.**

**We could choose advocacy,
but we often choose comfort.**

**We could choose truth,
but we often choose ignorance.**

**We could choose God,
but we often choose ourselves.**

Forgive us, gracious God, for the moments when we chose poorly.

Open our hearts to choose You, to choose community, to choose love.

Gratefully we pray, amen.

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news of Christmas. Today God reveals to us the wonders of divine love. For unto us a Child is born; unto us a Son is given. His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Colossians 3:12-17, pew Bible, p. 1074

SERMON

“God’s chosen ones”

Margo Richardson

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

*HYMN 143

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

REGENT SQUARE

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

Text to Give

704-734-9818

OFFERTORY: Congregational Carol Sing-A-Long

HYMN 123 (Verse 1)

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

HYMN 115 (Verse 1)

“Away in a Manger”

HYMN 147 (Verse 1)

“The First Nowell”

CAROL
MUELLER
THE FIRST NOWELL

*DOXOLOGY (HYMN 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

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Gracious God,

Your story is one that forever invites us

to be our full selves,

to take up space,

to go where we feel called,

and to allow this community to feel like home.

So use these gifts to keep building Your home here.

With gratitude, we pray. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 136

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

GO TELL IT

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

God Rest Your Merry, Gentlemen

Myron Roberts

*Those who are able please stand.

+Ushers may seat late worshippers

SELWYN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WARMLY WELCOMES ALL WHO VISIT

Please take a moment to fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate. Membership is by one of three paths: 1) profession of faith in Jesus Christ (for those who have never been part of a Christian church); 2) re-affirmation of faith (for those who formerly were part of a congregation but have not been involved in recent times - for example, you were baptized and/or confirmed but moved and never engaged with a new congregation); or 3) transfer of membership from another congregation (your membership is with another church).

New members and prospective members are invited to participate in Orientation Classes, which are scheduled several times a year, and are a wonderful way to meet others and learn about our church and all the opportunities here. We always stand ready to be in communication with you about your particular situation. The contact information for all staff members is in the bulletin each week.

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