

MORNING WORSHIP

December 29, 2019

Half past Ten O'Clock

The First Sunday after Christmas

*When the music begins, please prepare for worship through silent prayer and meditation.
Following the service, greet one another with joy and affection!*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

TIME OF MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

+WELCOME AND NOTICES

PRELUDE

Greensleeves

arr. Richard Purvis

INTROIT

"Sweet Little Jesus Boy"
Ivey Cherry, baritone

Christmas Spiritual

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The grace of God has appeared; bringing salvation to all.

Many: Glory to God in the highest!

One: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light!

Many: Glory to God in the highest!

One: For a child has been born for us, a Son has been given to us.

Many: Glory to God in the highest!

One: He is Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Many: Glory to God in the highest!

One: To us is born this day in the city of David a Savior, the Messiah, the Lord.

Many: Glory to God in the highest!

One: And the Word became flesh and lived among us.

All: Glory to God in the highest!

+*HYMN 44

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

ST. LOUIS

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God, in great love You have claimed us as Your children. We confess that we have not loved You as we should. We have not participated fully in Your purposes and plans; we grow weary and give up when the way is hard. We have not loved our brothers and sisters as You intended. We find ourselves complacent in the presence of injustice and violence, and we fail to recognize our own complicity. Forgive us, especially when we fail to protect children, so vulnerable and precious in Your sight. Forgive our misuse of power against people and against Your creation. Help us to praise You by living in harmony and peace. Set us free from fear that we may wholly trust in You. We pray in the name of Jesus, a vulnerable child who shared our human condition, and Christ our Savior. Amen.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hebrews 2:16, Isaiah 63:8-9

Children of God, Jesus Christ came to help us, sinners. He is our Savior in all our distress, and it is his presence that saves us.

One: Declare with me the good news of the gospel:

Many: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Immediately following Message for Young Disciples, kindergarteners and first graders are invited to Children's Worship. They will return to the Sanctuary during the Doxology.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 2:13-23, pew Bible, p. 878

SERMON

"Get up, it's time to go!"

Lisa McLennan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, CONCLUDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN 49

"Once in Royal David's City"

IRBY

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING OF GIFTS

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Ride on King Jesus"
Ivey Cherry, baritone

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 592)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

In this gifting season, O God, we are grateful for the gift of Your dear Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

We pray that You will receive these offerings we bring, offerings of our time, talents, and money.

May they be used in the service of Your grace so that we might be a gift to others, and that they might know the good news of Your love and peace. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 27

"Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"

TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Joy to the World

arr. Marc Cheban

(*) Those who are able, please stand

+) Ushers will seat worshipers

SELWYN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WARMLY WELCOMES ALL WHO VISIT

Please take a moment to sign the registry of friendship as it is passed along your pew so that you may be greeted and greet others by name. If you are actively searching for a new church home, we invite you to fill out the card in the pew rack 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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