

Vespers in Advent

Reflections on "Joy to the World"

PRAYER AND MEDITATION

PRELUDE

Jane Kaye, guest organist

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ HYMN 23 Angels We Have Heard on High

Gloria

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

With all my soul I long for you, O God,
more than watchmen who wait for the morning!
Anticipating your dawn of peace, your people wait in hope.
You alone are grace and truth.
You alone are steadfast love.
Savior God, meet us in our need.
Prepare our hearts for the coming of your Son,
who guides us in the ways of peace.
On his merits, and for his sake, forgive our sins.
In him alone we see your glory and our salvation.

SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the gospel.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Regent Square

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one;
One in might and one in glory while unending ages run.

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 61:1-4, 9

Carolann Haley

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

HOMILY

The Glories of His Righteousness

Dr. David Renwick

Isaiah 2:2-5

CHORAL RESPONSE

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Polish Carol

Infant holy, Infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing,
Tidings bringing: Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Flocks were sleeping; shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new.
Saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing
Greet the morrow: Christ the babe was born for you.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Dr. Quinn Fox

Eucharistic Prayer

Words of Institution and Distribution

Music Meditation

A Great and Mighty Wonder

German Carol

A great and mighty wonder, a full and holy cure!
The Virgin bears the Infant with virgin honor pure.
Repeat the hymn again!
"To God on high be glory, and peace on earth to men!"
The Word becomes incarnate and yet remains on high!
And cherubim sing anthems to shepherds from the sky.
Since all he comes to ransom, by all be he adored:
The Infant born in Beth'hem, the Savior and the Lord.

Prayer of Response and The Lord's Prayer

▲ HYMN 40

Joy to the World!

Antioch

▲ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

ADVENT 2016

Special Music Sunday

This Sunday, Dec. 18, 9, 10:50, and 11 a.m.

"Love Came Down at Christmas:" special music with the Chancel Choir, soloists, harp, strings, brass, and organ.

Mission Gifts for Christmas

Sunday, Dec. 18, Stone Hall

Mission Gifts for Christmas provides an opportunity to give to organizations serving those in need in honor of a friend, family member, teacher, or coworker. *Visit the market on Sunday or visit nationalpres.org/mission-gifts to shop online!*

Christmas Eve

Family Nativity Service **DECEMBER 24 | 5^{PM}**

Kids, teens, and adults bring the Bible's nativity story to life in this narrated reenactment with lots of music. *Childcare will be available.*

Candlelight Services **DECEMBER 24 | 8^{PM} & 10^{PM}**

Carols will be sung and Communion will be served as we celebrate the birth of our Lord.

Christmas Day

Sunday Worship Service **DECEMBER 25 | 11^{AM}**

Bring the whole family as Dr. Renwick shares the Christmas story for all ages.

New Year's Day

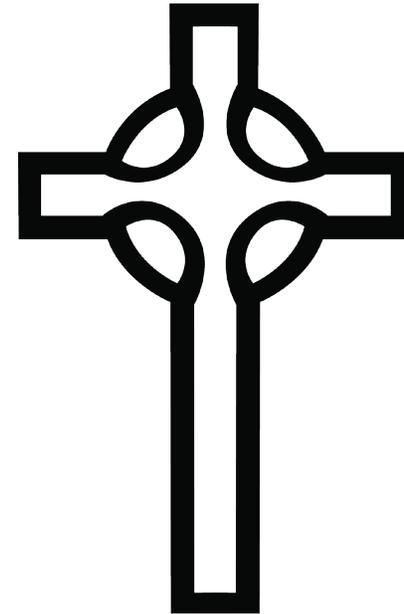
Sunday Worship Service **JANUARY 1 | 11^{AM}**

One service at 11 a.m. Rev. Donna Marsh will preach



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ADVENT VESPERS

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For a child has been born for us...He will establish and uphold the kingdom of David with justice and righteousness from this time onward and forevermore.

Isaiah 9:6-7

Wednesday, December 14, 2016

7 p.m. Sanctuary