

The Lord’s Day Morning

December 7, 2025

Ten Forty-Five O'clock

Welcome

+Prelude..... “The First Noel”Joel Ramey

Call to Worship Psalm 89:1-4

I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.
For I said, “Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness.”
You have said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: ‘I will establish your offspring forever, and build your throne for all generations.’”

Prayer for God’s Grace in our Worship

***+Hymn** “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” HYFRYDOL

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel’s strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art,
dear Desire of ev’ry nation, joy of ev’ry longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see thee, Day-spring from on high, appear;
come, thou promised Rod of Jesse, of thy birth we long to hear!
O’er the hills the angels singing news, glad tidings of a birth:
“Go to him, your praises bringing; Christ the Lord has come to earth.”

Come to earth to taste our sadness, he whose glories knew no end;
by his life he brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall;
this the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

***Affirmation of Faith**..... The Apostles’ Creed (150 AD)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell†.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church*,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

†This “descent clause” is a summary statement of Christ’s passion, death, and burial.
*i.e., the universal Christian Church

Congregational Confession of Sin

Our gracious Father, we are your children through the work of the Lord Jesus Christ. We are not our own, but belong to the one who bought us, the one who loves us from everlasting to everlasting.

Yet we have been unfaithful to you in many ways. You deserve wholly devoted hearts, the fullest zeal and affection, and lives utterly dedicated to your glory. Your love calls us to the greatest kindness, patience and glad service to one another and to all people. Your love calls us to turn from lust, revenge, resentment, jealousy, anger, deception, gossip and backbiting. We have sinned in these and many other ways against our neighbor. We have not manifested your perfect love.

Forgive us O God of mercy. By your strength, we turn from our sin to your grace. We continue to trust in Christ alone for forgiveness and for change. We are your new creation in Christ. Enable us by your Spirit to walk in love and live for your glory alone. Amen

Romans 8:14-17; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Psalm 103:17; Matthew 22:37-40;
1 Corinthians 10:31; Colossians 3.12-15; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 5:22-23

Private Confession of Sin

Assurance and Declaration of Praise..... Revelation 1:5-6

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

***+Hymn** “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” PICARDY

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood;
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood,
he will give to all the faithful his own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
that the pow'rs of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph; cherubim, with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,
"Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord Most High!"

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Receiving of New Members

Paul and Carley Aehnlich; Sue Bush; Austin and Amye Lovitt;
Thomas Modhu; Connor Morrow; Scott and Greer Stanley

Prayer of Intercession and 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.

+Presentation of God’s Tithe and Our Offerings

Offertory Anthem..... Johanna Anderson/arr. Dan Forrest
“Song of the Wanderer”

Sanctuary Choir

The barren land around me lies, my flame is burning low,
Cold and pale the winter skies, and I am far from home.
With my light that burns so dim, am I visible to Him?
Does He hear the fragile song of creatures here below?

He wakes the lark and bids her fly to greet the coming spring,
Wakes our hearts and bids us rise, then gives our spirits wing.
He speaks, and winter melts away, hears us when we come to pray,
Turns our nighttime into day – our Light, our Life, our King.

Glorious joy of summer sun, the gentle healing rain,
Banishing our tears and sighs, with beauty for our pain.
Earth and sky, lay glory by - Christ the Lord is drawing nigh!
All creation, bow to Him from whom all blessings flow!

Blows the wind, and soon will come the autumn of the year,
With its golden light of love still shining ever clear.
From the rising of the sun to the place where day is done,
Peace on earth has now begun to cast away our fear.

[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.]

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***Doxology** OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heav’nly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

(Four and Five-year olds dismissed to Children’s Church)

Ministry of the Word Darwin Jordan
“Royal Marriage”
Psalm 45

***Hymn** “Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come” ANTIOCH

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room, and heav’n and nature sing,
and heav’n and nature sing, and heav’n, and heav’n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns: let men their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

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***Benediction**

***Choral Amen**

***Postlude** “God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen” ... Michael T. Smith

*Please stand if you are able.
+The ushers may seat worshipers.

Presiding Minister - Darwin Jordan
Assisting Minister - Knox Baird
Assisting Elder - Bill Stanway

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For both members and guests: On the back of the card you will find a place to share prayer requests, and there’s a designated box at the gym entrance for you to leave your requests.

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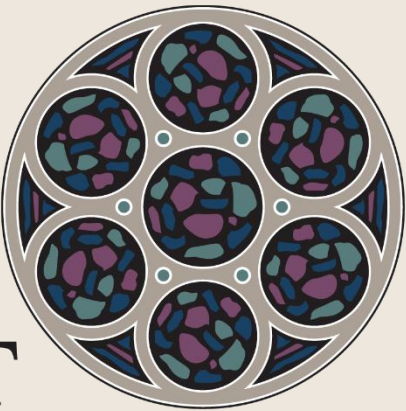
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THANKS TO THOSE SERVING TODAY!

Duty Deacons for December:
Tommy Lofton (head), Wes Bonner,
Joe Gibbons, Rob King,
Weston Locastro, Quentin Parsons,
Steve Seales, Andres Tellez

Ushers for December:
Jonathan Easterling, Brad Farris,
Richard Fleming, Andrew Jakab,
Rick Newman, Lee Rouse



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