

Sunday, January 1, 2017

Eleven O’Clock A.M.

First Sunday of Christmas

Prelude *When the Savior Jesus Christ* F. Dandrieu
arr. D. Bish

Welcome
Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

Call to Worship
Leader: Praise God, all who dwell on this earth.
Praise God in the heights and depths of life.
**People: We will recount the deeds of God.
Surely God has shown us goodness and mercy.**
Leader: Praise God, sun and moon and stars.
Praise God, fire and hail, snow and frost.
**People: Men and women, young and old, together:
Let us praise and honor our Creator.**
Leader: Let God’s name be praised and exalted.
God’s glory is above heaven and earth.
**People: By God’s steadfast love, we are drawn to worship.
Our gracious Savior leads us in new ways.**

Invocation

*Hymn No. 162 *The First Noel, The Angel Did Say*

First Reading *Isaiah 63:7-9* Pew Bible Pg. 605

***Prayer of Confession**
O God, how we busy ourselves with things that do not satisfy! We try to fill our emptiness with activities and possessions that ultimately drain our energies rather than give our lives meaning. No more. As we confess our broken ways, call us to better life. Teach us how to live. Release us of our sin and compel us to risk lives of genuine love. O God, bless us to live freshly in this new year before us. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon
Leader: Christ leads us to life in all its fullness. He is merciful and faithful, welcoming us to be at one with God and our own best selves. We are forgiven. We are redeemed. We are lifted up to a life of true freedom. Friends, believe the good news of God.
People: By God’s grace, we are made whole.

Ode to Joy

***Gloria Patri**
**Glory be to God, Creator, Glory be to God the Christ,
Glory be to God the Spirit, ever present, ever One;
From the time of our beginnings, life beyond death’s claim on us;
Life and Light and Love unending, we are precious in your sight. Amen.**

Anthem *Go, Tell It On the Mountain* arr. J. Rutter

Second Reading *Psalm 148* Pew Bible Pg. 508

*Hymn No. 150 *What Child Is This?*

Call to Give

Offertory *We Hail Thee With Rejoicing* Schulz/Mozart
Aurora Foster, soprano & Madeleine Wallace, soprano

***Doxology** *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia, Alleluia.
Praise God above, you heavenly hosts:
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Prayers of the People & Lord’s Prayer

Third Reading *Matthew 2:13-23* Pew Bible Pg. 784

Sermon *Our Savior the Refugee* Rev. Elizabeth Mangham Lott

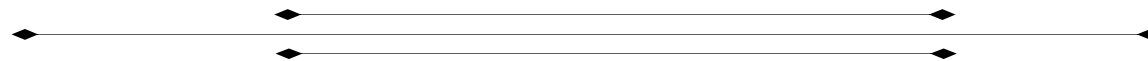
Communion

Invitation to Respond

*Hymn No. 179 *God’s Love Made Visible*

Announcements & Benediction

Postlude *God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen* arr. N. Goemanne
English Carol



*Congregation Standing