



First Sunday of Christmas
December 27, 2020

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

GATHERING HYMN

#294 In the Bleak Midwinter

LESSONS AND CAROLS FOR CHRISTMAS

CALL TO WORSHIP AND LIGHTING OF THE WREATH

Jesus, the bright Morning Star, shines light in the world.
By day and night he shines for all to see.
Jesus was born in the midst of injustice and poverty that the world may see the justice and richness of God.
The Lord has looked with favor upon us
And our spirits rejoice in our Savior, for he lifts up the lowly and fills the empty with good things.
God so loved the world that God sent Jesus, so that all who believe in him may not perish but have eternal life.
Jesus is the light of the world.
Jesus is the light of our lives.
Sing to God a new song!
A song of hope, peace, joy, and love around the world.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature, and yet more wonderfully you restored it. In your mercy let us share the divine life of the One who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

READING 1: Isaiah 9:2-7
READING 2: Micah 5:2-5a
READING 3: Psalm 148

Tim O'Connell
Samantha Fisher
Vance Martin

HYMN

#272 *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

READING 4: Luke 1:26-38
READING 5: Luke 2:1-7
READING 6: Luke 2:8-20

Dean Olson
Bob Coverdill
Erin Wilding-Martin

HYMN

#289 *Angels We Have Heard on High*

READING 7: Matthew 2:13-23
READING 8: Luke 2:21-40
Chapman
READING 9: Galatians 4:4-7

June Waller
Pastor Lynette

Cindy McKendall

HYMN
Rejoice

#288 *Good Christian Friends,*

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

Dan & Tori Corkery

It is you, loving God, who lights our path with truth.

Your Word, Jesus, is truth.

In his light, draw all to the manger

to gather in wonder with the shepherds.

In his light, draw all to the manger

to kneel in reverence with the wise ones.

In his light, draw all to the manger

to sing for joy with the angels.

In the brightness of his life

cast away the darkness of injustice, poverty, and hunger in the world.

It is you, loving God, who meets us on our way.

In the light of Jesus, show the world the way of life. Amen.

PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be with you always!

And also with you.

Let us share the Peace....

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayers.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING

BLESSING

Grace from God's own heart, peace from the ✝ Child in the manger, and strength from the Spirit of life be blessings for you today and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

#282 It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

DISMISSAL

Christ is born! Go tell it on the mountain and everywhere.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Thank you for joining us. You can find more information about worship services, online devotions, fun activities for kids, a link for electronic giving, and more at our website www.gslc-cu.org.

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