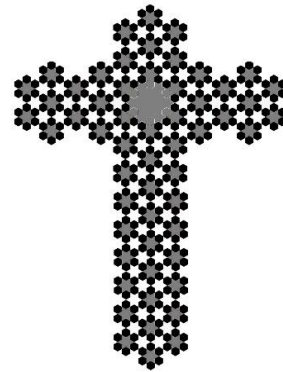


## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

January 5, 2025

10:00 AM Service

Holy Communion: Rite II



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## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

### VOLUNTARY

Two Preludes on UNE JEUNE PUCELLE

David Cherwien  
Denis Bédard

*[During the Voluntary, please prepare for worship by observing attentive silence.]*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ENTRANCE HYMN H-109

The First Nowell

THE FIRST NOWELL

The first Nowell the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

[Refrain] Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

They look-ed up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far,  
and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. [Refrain]

And by the light of that same star three wise men came from country far;  
to seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went. [Refrain]

This star drew nigh to the northwest, o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,  
and there it did both stop and stay right over the place where Jesus lay. [Refrain]

Then entered in those wise men three full reverently upon their knee,  
and offered there in his presence their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. [Refrain]

Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord;  
that hath made Heaven and earth of nought, and with his blood our life hath bought.

[Refrain]

### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

*All* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you  
no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of  
your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your  
holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Joyously**

Glo - ry be to God on high,  
Je - sus Christ, we now de - clare  
Prai - ses to the Ho - ly One,

To all peo - ple, peace on earth, An - gels, shep - herds  
Lamb of God and Lord of Love. Grant us mer - cy,  
Prai - ses sing in high - est heav'n; To the Fath - er

draw - ing nigh, Join to ce - le - brate His birth.  
hear our prayer, Give us grace from heav'en a - bove.  
and the Son and the Ho - ly Spi - rit giv'n.

Glo - ri - a

1. in ex - cel - sis De - o! 2. in ex - cel - sis De o!

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray... O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*All* **Amen.**

# THE WORD OF GOD

*The people sit.*

## THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:7-14

*Lector*      *The First Reading is taken from Jeremiah chapter 31...*

Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 84

SINE NOMINE

*(all singing)*

**Almighty Lord, how lovely is that place where you are dwelling, robed in light and grace!  
Oh, how we long to see you, face to face! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**At times we sigh, are slow to sing your praise, yet find in you the strength for all our days.**

**As desert paths are flooded by your grace! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**From strength to strength we live each passing year, led by your love, which casts away all fear,**

**till we in Zion surely shall appear! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Lord, hear my prayer, with favor look on me; there is no place that I would rather be than in your courts, to dwell eternally! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## THE SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a

*Lector*      *The Second Reading is taken from Ephesians chapter 1....*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand as able.*

**GOSPEL HYMN H-82**      Of the Father's Love Begotten      DIVINUM MYSTERIUM  
*(stanzas 1,4 with 'Amen')*

**Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,  
He is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he,  
of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see,  
evermore and evermore!**

**Christ, to thee with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,  
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be;  
honor, glory and dominion, and eternal victory, evermore and evermore! Amen.**

**THE GOSPEL**

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

*Celebrant*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People*      **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*Celebrant*      *The Gospel will be read aloud.*

*Celebrant*      The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*      **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The people sit.*

**SERMON**

The Rev. Whitney Burton

**NICENE CREED** *All stand as able.*

*People*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.  
AMEN.**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Please sit, stand, or kneel, as you prefer.*

*Celebrant*

Let us pray for all humanity, all creation, and all times and places.

*Lector*

God of everlasting light, you have brought together the hopes and fears of all the years in Jesus, the Word made flesh. May his grace and truth resound in us and through us. O come to us, abide with us,

*People*

**our Lord Emmanuel.**

*Lector*

Angels proclaimed the peace of your unconquered Son of righteousness. Strengthen all who work for peace and justice. O come to us, abide with us,

*People*

**our Lord Emmanuel.**

*Lector*

You came to us in a child cradled in a borrowed bed of straw as there was no room in the inn. Open our hearts to the needs of the homeless and the hungry. O come to us, abide with us,

*People*

**our Lord Emmanuel.**

*Lector* Shepherds and outcasts heard your good news. Give us grace to spread your gospel of joy and liberation to all people, even those who differ from us. O come to us, abide with us,

*People* **our Lord Emmanuel.**

*Lector* We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially the flowers given today to the Glory of God, and for the birthdays this week for Matthew Davis, Richard Harvey, Dominic DiRienz, Debra Mackay, Emily Mackay, Indra Eldridge, Jim Groff and the anniversary of Mary Ann and Marc Wigmore. We rejoice in this season of family, renewal, and reconciliation. Be with those who travel, enrich our rejoicing, and strengthen the bonds between us.

O come to us, abide with us,

*People* **our Lord Emmanuel.**

*Lector* Christians throughout the world are celebrating your birth. Unite us in one family, that we may shine with the one light that scatters all our darkness. O come to us, abide with us,

*People* **our Lord Emmanuel.**

*Lector* Shed your light on all who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death. We pray especially for [*read names from notebook.*] Give strength and peace to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. I invite you to name those for whom you pray, either aloud or in the silence of your heart. [*Leave time for names.*] O come to us, abide with us,

*People* **our Lord Emmanuel.**

*Lector* Your grace lets us inherit the hope of eternal life. Fulfill in your love all who have gone before us in the faith, especially [*read names from notebook.*] I invite you to lift up the names of those whose absence you particularly feel at this time. [*Leave time for names.*] May we, like them, live in your eternal light. O come to us, abide with us,

*People* **our Lord Emmanuel.**

*Lector* Hear these prayers we bring to you, and impart to our hearts the blessings of your heaven.

*People* **Amen.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

## **CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION:**

*Please kneel or stand as able.*

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. (*Silence is kept.*)

*People* **Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;**

**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. AMEN.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

*All* **Amen.**

### **THE GREETING OF PEACE**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*All may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

*Please be seated.*

### **OFFERTORY**

We Have Come to Worship Him

Mary Kay Beall  
Choir

### **THE PRESENTATION**

*All stand as able.*

*Celebrant* We gladly present the fruits of our lives to the God who creates us, redeems us and sustains us. May we have the grace to use them to heal God's world.

### **PRESENTATION HYMN**

THE FIRST NOWELL

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, ye heaven-ly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.**

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to



you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

**SANCTUS** *All*

PICARDY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, reign - ing God of  
 pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry,  
 all cre - a - tion seeks your light! Bles-sed is the one who  
 comes in your name. Bles-sed be the Lord most high!

*The Celebrant continues*

**BCP-368**

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*All* **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

**BCP-369**

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Celebrant*  
*People*

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
**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 trespasses,  
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.  
 Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.*

## THE FRACTION ANTHEM

**Gently [In One]** *The St. James Christmas Service*

O Lamb of God, O Ho - ly  
Child, who takes the sin of the world a - way; Have  
mer - cy on us, lamb so mild, the babe, the  
son of Ma - ry. This, this is your bo - dy  
giv'n, Your pre - cious blood, the gift of heav'n.  
Take, eat, for we are one in the babe, the  
son of Ma - ry.

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All are invited to receive the Sacrament. If you would like to receive wine you may do so by sipping from the Chalice or allowing the Eucharistic Minister to intinct (dip) the wafer for you.*

*If you desire a blessing instead of Communion, cross your arms over your chest.*

## COMMUNION

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Fred Bock  
(1939-1998)

## COMMUNION HYMN

Our Savior's Infant Cries Were Heard

WINCHESTER OLD

**Our Savior's infant cries were heard and met by human love  
Before he preached one saving word or prayed to God above.**

**In Joseph's arms, at Mary's breast, while Herod's violence spread,  
God's love by human love was blessed, protected, nurtured, fed.**

By trusting Christ to human care God blessed forevermore  
The care of children ev'rywhere—the bruised, the lost, the poor.

Whoever calms a child by night or guides a youth by day  
Serves him whose birth by lantern light was on a bed of hay.

For Christ who was a refugee from Herod and his sword  
Is seeking now through us to be our children's friend and Lord.

### THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Celebrant* Let us pray...

*All* Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

### THE BLESSING

THE SENDING HYMN H-124

What Star Is This

PUER NOBIS

What star is this, with beams so bright, more beauteous than the noonday light?  
It shines to herald forth the King, and Gentiles to his crib to bring.

True spake the prophet from afar who told the rise of Jacob's star;  
and eastern sages with amaze upon the wondrous token gaze.

The guiding star above is bright; within them shines a clearer light,  
and leads them on with power benign to seek the Giver of the sign.

O Jesus, while the star of grace impels us on to seek thy face,  
let not our slothful hearts refuse the guidance of thy light to use.

To God the Father, heavenly Light, to Christ, revealed in earthly night,  
to God the Holy Ghost we raise our equal and unceasing praise.

### THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

God Rest Ye Merry

Wilbur Held  
(1914-2015)

## SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Whitney Burton
Organist/Choirmaster	Tom Huffman
Crucifer/Server	Linda Wells
Torch/Chalichists	Pat Cates, Carolyn Hughes
Lectors	Maureen Belote, Linda Corliss
Prayers of the People	Carolyn Hughes
Ushers	Linda Corliss, Hank Nalewajek, Caroline & Steve Maisel
Building & Grounds	Pat Cates
Welcome Table	Maureen Belote

**Celebrations this week: Birthdays** – Matthew Davis, Richard Harvey, Dominic DiRienz, Debra Mackay, Emily Mackay, Indra Eldridge, Jim Groff

**Anniversaries** – Mary Ann and Marc Wigmore

### Announcements

**Discretionary Fund Sunday** – On the first Sunday of the month all loose plate offering will be designated for the Rector's Discretionary Fund to support the needs of our community.

**Game Night** – Game night resumes on January 10 at 6pm in the Patio Room.

**Acolyte, Server & Usher Training** – Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 11am we will have a training for all servers on changes to altar serving. It is important that all acolytes, servers and ushers attend. Please let the office know if you cannot attend.

**Elections** – Submit your application to run for elected positions in church leadership by January 12. The application is available online or please contact the church office.

**Book Club** – On January 12 at 11:30AM Book Club will discuss *The Red Tent* by Anita Diamant. February's read will be *Saving Sam* by Sam Goodwin.

**Youth Group** – On January 12 at 11:30AM youth group will have lunch and meet for fun and fellowship upstairs in the youth room.

**Soul Sisters** – The next meeting of Soul Sisters will be held Saturday, January 18 at 10AM in Kirk Hall. All women of the parish are invited.

**Christmas Cards** – If you have leftover Christmas cards, please consider donating them to Good Shepherd's Card Ministry. Cards may be dropped at the church office.

**Poinsettias** – Please feel free to take home a poinsettia after today's service.