

Second Sunday after Christmas

11:00 a.m. January 2, 2022

Entering God's Presence

Welcome

*Hymn 143 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* REGENT SQUARE

*Expressing Our Joy Reece Humphreys Smith

Leader: The Living God has brought us this far on our journey.

People: God has given bread to the hungry and rest to the weary.

Leader: God has shown us the future generations – the children in our midst.

People: And faithful to the divine promise, God has clothed us with salvation and joy.

Leader: What more can we ask of God?

People: To bless us and future generations forever and to give us the courage to pray with trust and serve with joy.

Leader: May the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray. (Congregation seated.)

Prayer of Trust and Confidence

Invitation to Self-Examination and Confession of our Need for God's Forgiveness (unison)

Dazzling God, we are blinded to your majesty. We have taken for granted the amazing wonder of life, without seeing you as the source of all things. Jesus, our Redeemer, we thank you that our fears and sorrows are no barrier to your love. Whenever we have retreated behind closed doors, you have sought us out to comfort and strengthen us. Though we have not felt the breath of your presence like the disciples, yet we have felt you close to us. Each time a fresh peace dispels anxiety, each time we feel the impulse to serve another in love, we have signs of your closeness to us. In a love stronger than death, you have claimed us and given us a new beginning and a holy work to do.

Time of Silence and Personal Confession

Musical Meditation

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

* Hymn 123 *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* CAROL

Jeremiah 31:7-14 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 690 in the pew Bible.]

Anthem

I Thessalonians 5:12-22 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 193 in the pew Bible.]

Sermon *The Work of Christmas Begins* The Rev. Vance E. Polley

*The Apostle's Creed (*Traditional Version*, Page 35) and *Gloria Patri* (No. 581)

Ministry of Prayer [Text prayer requests to: (843) 437-4239]

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Musical Meditation

*At the Presentation *Doxology* (No. 606) OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Dedication 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.

* Hymn 119 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* MENDELSSOHN

*Benediction

*Going Out into the World

*Those that are able, please stand.