

**Order of Worship  
DECEMBER 14, 2025**

**\* Meditation: Acts 3:24**

And all the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and those who came after him, also proclaimed these days.

**Songs of Adoration – 2**

**Call to Worship: Psalm 57**

Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in you my soul takes refuge; in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge, till the storms of destruction pass by. I cry out to God Most High, to God who fulfills his purpose for me. He will send from heaven and save me; he will put to shame him who tramples on me. *Selah* God will send out his steadfast love and his faithfulness! My soul is in the midst of lions; I lie down amid fiery beasts—the children of man, whose teeth are spears and arrows, whose tongues are sharp swords. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth! They set a net for my steps; my soul was bowed down. They dug a pit in my way, but they have fallen into it themselves. *Selah* My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast! I will sing and make melody! Awake, my glory! Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn! I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations. For your steadfast love is great to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!

**Prayer of Adoration**

**\* Confession of Sin**

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ You came among us as light shining in the darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of Your grace and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.

*(from the Book of Common Worship)*

**\* Moment of Individual Silent Confession**

**\* Assurance of Pardon**

Hear the words of our Lord Jesus: “Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” Brothers and sisters, the pardon of Christ is a grace that is greater than all our sin. You are forgiven.

*(adapted from Matthew 11:28-30)*

**\* ADVENT WREATH - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent: Reading/Candle Lighting**

**Songs of Worship – 2**

**Offering and Doxology**

### **New Testament Reading: Acts 13:16-26**

So Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand said: “Men of Israel and you who fear God, listen. The God of this people Israel chose our fathers and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it. And for about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness. And after destroying seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance. All this took about 450 years. And after that he gave them judges until Samuel the prophet. Then they asked for a king, and God gave them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years. And when he had removed him, he raised up David to be their king, of whom he testified and said, ‘I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will.’ Of this man's offspring God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, as he promised. Before his coming, John had proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. And as John was finishing his course, he said, ‘What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but behold, after me one is coming, the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to untie.’ “Brothers, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to us has been sent the message of this salvation.”

Reader: “The Word of the Lord”

Congregation: “Thanks Be to God”

### **\* New City Catechism**

Question 50: What does Christ's resurrection mean for us?

(Congregation): Christ triumphed over sin and death by being physically resurrected, so that all who trust in him are raised to new life in this world and to everlasting life in the world to come. Just as we will one day be resurrected, so this world will one day be restored. But those who do not trust in Christ will be raised to everlasting death.

### **\* Welcome / Announcements**

### **\* Children's Church Dismissal**

**Greeting Time**

**Song of Preparation**

**Sermon Text: 1 Samuel 1:1-21**

**\* Sermon Title: “Samuel: Child of Blessing”** *(Pastor Daryl)*

**Song of Response**

**Benediction**