



THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Our Lord's Day

The Second Sunday of Christmas
Half Past Ten o'clock in the Morning

January 4, 2026

Christmas is a season of praise and thanksgiving for the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ, which begins Christmas Eve and continues through Epiphany, January 6.

We Follow the Star

CARILLON PEAL – *As the hour is pealed, we join those who worship with us online.*

VOLUNTARY

The Old Year Has Passed Away, BWV 614 Johann Sebastian Bach

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Andy Burwell, Liturgist

Please stand.

Arise, shine; for your light has come!
The Glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

Nations will come to his light,
and rulers will seek his radiance.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

He will judge the people
with righteousness
and defend the cause of the poor.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

The mystery of the ages is revealed;
the eternal plan of God is known to all.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

Let us kneel down before him
to give him honor, glory, and praise.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

Let us worship him, offering all the treasures
of our hearts and our lives.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of endless light,
you sent a star rising from the darkness,
guiding seekers and sages,
overwhelming with joy.
Let the splendor of your dawning light
grow in us and in all the world
until the whole creation shines with your glory;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

✦ CAROL 151

We Three Kings of Orient Art

KINGS OF ORIENT

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess the dark secrets of our hearts to the God of Light,
following the star shining in the darkness:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of glory,
you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world
to reveal your love for all people.
We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light.
We turn away from the poor;
we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace.

In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin;
and pour out the gifts of your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed,
we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ**

A time for silent prayer.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The mercy of the Lord is like rain,
like showers that water the earth.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Praise be to our Prince of Peace!

✦ GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

GLORIA

✦ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Exchange visible signs of peace with those worshiping near you.

LIFE TOGETHER

We See What Has Come to Pass

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Let us pray.

O God,

through your mighty acts we receive grace upon grace.

From your fullness,

feed us with your life-giving Word,

that our lives, like bread,

may feed a hungry world.

Amen.

EPISTLE – Ephesians 1:3-14

Let us hear the Word of the Lord in Paul's Letter to the Ephesians:

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. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

GOSPEL – John 1:1-9

Let us hear the Word of the Lord in John's Gospel:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

SERMON

On Reflecting Light

Dr. Guild

We Respond with Gifts

CAROL 108

Of the Father's Love Begotten

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Nicene Creed

Glory to God Hymnal, p. 34

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Text PMPC to 73256 to Give

*Rejoicing in the birth of Christ our Savior,
we give to God what we first received from God, the gifts of our lives.*

Let us offer our lives to the Lord.

OFFERTORY

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star

George Th. Miles

✦ DOXOLOGY

The First Nowell

THE FIRST NOWELL

*Then entered in those wise men three, full reverently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.*

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God Most high, receive the gifts of our lives as an offering of gratitude for your grace. Overshadow us with your Holy spirit and let it be with us according to your word, for nothing is impossible with you. Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God:

Like a shepherd, you gather us up;

you fill us with the finest wheat and turn our sorrow into joy.

Therefore we praise you,

joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

*Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave:
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
to gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save!
Christ was born to save!*

IN DULCI JUBILO

Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior:

Through Christ all things came into being;

he is the light that darkness cannot overcome,

your Word made flesh, full of grace and truth.

Remembering your goodness and grace,

we offer ourselves to you with gratitude as we share this joyful feast:

Christ died for our sins. Christ rose from the dead. Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and cup;

make us one in the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

As you have made known to us the mystery of your will,

teach us to proclaim the mystery of faith,

living to praise your glory even as we pray...

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father 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.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*The people will come to the Table by way of the center aisle,
dipping the bread into the cup, and returning to the pew by the side aisles.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We sing a new song to you, Lord. Through this bread and wine we receive your joy. All of creation praises you, joining with glad voices to share the good news of Christ's saving birth. We give thanks for the Word you first sang, Jesus, our Lord. **Amen.**

We Go and Tell What We Have Seen

✦ CAROL 134

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

VOLUNTARY

The Star Proclaims the King Is Here

Johann Pachelbel

✦ The people will please stand as they are able in body or spirit.

*Assisting in the leadership of worship
with Dr. Jeffrey G. Guild, Intentional Transitional Pastor are:
Elder Andy Burwell, Liturgist;
Timothy Belk, Director of Music Ministries and Organist.*

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An informal gathering immediately follows in Roebling Hall.

*Join us for Youth Fellowship this evening at 5:30 p.m.
Dinner Menu: Macaroni & Cheese, Garlic Bread, Green Salad, Ice Cream.
Parent Chaperone: Anne Shaw*

Join us for Mahjongg Tuesdays, January 6 and 20 in the Parlor at 10 a.m.

The Good Grief Group will meet online Thursday, January 8 at 10 a.m.

The Presbyterian Women will meet Tuesday, January 13 in the Parlor at 10 a.m.

For All the Saints Stewardship Emphasis 2026 – \$200K

We have received 41 pledges totaling \$212,252 through December 31.

*We celebrate our known January Birthday Celebrants:
Jean Bennett; Andy Burwell; Helen DenBoer; Martha Espey; Keith McMullen
Tess Meyer; David Mounsey.*



Peace Memorial Concerts presents

BRYAN HUGHES & THE CREW

Sunday, January 11 - 3 p.m.

*This talented jazz ensemble presents a tribute to Duke Ellington,
plus other selections from the Great American Songbook!*

...for the Glory of our Risen Lord!

*The Sanctuary of Peace Memorial is open Wednesdays from 11:15 a.m. - Noon
for guided tours of the Louis Comfort Tiffany Windows.*

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Session

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