

Meditation

‘Prince of Peace’

Rev. Marc Shefelton

Pastoral Prayer and 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.”

***Doxology** Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Dismissing Hymn No. 125 ‘Joy to the World!’ (verses 1,4)*

***Benediction**

Postlude

'Angels We Have Heard on High'

~ *French Melody*

We're glad you joined us for worship today! We invite you to place your financial tithes and offerings in one of the boxes in the back of the sanctuary before or following service. Thank you.

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Christmas Day

We welcome you to the worship of God Almighty this Lord's Day. It is our intention to bring glory and honor to Him. God enters our time of worship and we remember this time belongs to Him. Your Worship Commission

**Please stand, if you are able.*

Nursery for children infant to 4 yrs. old is available upstairs in the Christian Education Wing (please see Usher for directions)

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God is in the manger, wealth in poverty, light in darkness, succor in abandonment. No evil can befall us; whatever men may do to us, they cannot but serve the God who is secretly revealed as love and rules the world and our lives.

~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Westminster Chimes and Announcements

(During announcements, we ask members and visitors to please sign the Friendship Register and pass it on. Send them back down your row so you can note who is worshipping with you today. We invite visitors to give us your complete address.)

Prelude

‘Away In a Manger’

~ Murray

*Call to Worship

Sylvia Myers, Lay Assistant

Leader: Let us go, in heart and mind, to see what has come to pass. Let us go with the shepherds:

People: Let us go to find the Savior!

Leader: Let us go with the wise ones:

People: Let us go to find God's promise, born for us!

Leader: Let us go with the poor and humble:

People: Let us go to find our King, born in a lowly manger.

Leader: Let us go with all the world, with all the peoples of the nations.

Come, let us worship; come, let us adore him:

People: Christ the Lord!

***Hymn No. 141**

‘O Little Town of Bethlehem’

(verses 1-3)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (In unison)

O God, in the beginning you spoke, and creation was born, the object of your loving care. In the fullness of time you spoke, and the Word became flesh, Jesus, gift of your love. We wonder at the miracle of creation; we stand in awe before the mystery of the incarnation. Forgive us earthbound creatures, feeble in faith, empty of hope, lacking in love. This year let the miracle and mystery of Christmas happen for us again. We wait upon you with ready hearts, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. . . (silent prayers of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

* Creed

from The Westminster Longer Catechism

Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continues to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 9:6

Lg. print #1072/ pew #489

Lg. print/New ed. #1028

John 14:25-27

Lg. print #1676/ pew #764

Leader: The Word of the Lord ~

Lg. print/New ed. #1642

People: Thanks be to God ~