

Sunday Worship

January 5th, 2024

Prelude – *I Know That My Redeemer Liveth* (G.F. Handel)

Welcome and Announcements

* **Presentation of the Holy Bible**

* **Lighting the Christ Candle**

* **Call to Worship (Psalm 72:8-15a)**

Leader: May he rule from sea to sea and from the river to the ends of the earth.

People: May the desert tribes bow before him and his enemies lick the dust.

Leader: May the kings of Tarshish and of distant shores bring tribute to him.

People: May the kings of Sheba and Seba present him gifts.

Leader: May all kings bow down to him and all nations serve him.

People: For he will deliver the needy who cry out, the afflicted who have no one to help.

Leader: He will take pity on the weak and the needy and save the needy from death.

All: He will rescue them from oppression and violence, for precious is their blood in his sight. Long may he live!

* **Hymn 56** *The First Nowell*

Prayer of Confession

God of Promise, the heavens declare your glory, and the skies show Your handiwork. Yet we struggle to see your hand in our own lives. We turn aside from your will, and then cry that you have abandoned us. You lead us towards Canaan, and we look back and long for Egypt. Forgive us for our lack of faith. May your Spirit be our hearts' inspiration. Let us fix our eyes on you and wonder and wander in your ways all our lives. (Time of silent confession) **Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Anthem – *Joy to the World* (I. Watts, L. Mason)

* **Hymn 49** *Once in Royal David's City*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Isaiah 60:1-6 (p. 528), Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 (p. 414)
Ephesians 3:1-12 (p. 828), Matthew 2:1-12 (p. 681)

Sermon *The Stars in Their Courses*

* **Affirmation of Faith** Apostle's Creed (Trad, Blue Hymnal, p.14)

* **Hymn 37** *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

Offering and *Doxology (592, Blue Hymnal)



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Sacrament of Communion and the Lord's Prayer (See Insert)

* **Hymn 66** *We Three Kings of Orient Are*

Postlude – O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion (G. F. Handel)

Please remain seated for the playing of the Postlude.

Bible Study Passage

1/8: Matthew 2:1-12

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