

∞ ORDER OF WORSHIP ∞

January 2, 2022 • 10:30 a.m.
Second Sunday of Christmas

*“Amid the shifting scenes and testing experiences of another pivotal year
may we live in perfect peace because of our trust in the sure promises of
Almighty God.”*
-- Rev. Carl W. Scovel (1916)

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PRAISE HYMN No. 136 “The First Noel” vv. 1-3

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: He who dwells on the secret places of the Most
High

People: Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

Leader: I will say of the Lord: He is my refuge and my God.

People: He is the One in whom I trust.

Leader: Together, let us worship the one and only God.

SONG OF PRAISE HYMN No. 136 “The First Noel” vv. 4-6

CONFESSION OF SIN (unison)

**O God, our help in ages past, You are also the hope of our
years to come. Therefore, we look ahead with confidence,
unafraid of what it may or may not bring. You hold our hand
as we walk into the future, and that is enough. By Your mercy
forgive our sins and renew our hearts. Fill our hours and days
with Your presence. Amen.** (moment for silent prayer).

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsive)

Leader: God is gracious and His mercies are everlasting
through Christ, our Savior.

**People: We proclaim God’s faithfulness in this
assurance. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Amen.**

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn No. 622)

CHILDREN’S TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC “I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day”
(sung by Doug Barton)

SCRIPTURE Romans 13:11-14

SERMON “Our Little Systems”
“Put on the Lord Jesus Christ” (Romans 13:14).

*HYMN No. 52 “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

OFFERING

*Doxology (Hymn No. 625)
Dedication of Offering

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND SUPPLICATION

THE LORD’S PRAYER (in unison)

*HYMN No. 404 “The Solid Rock”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

* Those who are able, please stand

The First Noel

Welcome to our church today!

If you are a visitor, thank you for coming to worship with us. We invite you to fill out a Welcome Card, which you will find in the hymnal book holder in the pew . Put the card in the offering plate that will be passed to you during the offering. Please join us in friendship and a chance to say hello after the service. Let us know how we can assist you.

Coffee Hour

The Session has decided to cancel the Coffee Hours following our Worship Services because of COVID restrictions. We will resume the Coffee Hours as soon as deemed possible.

Office Hours

The office hours of Pastor Jim Hicks, temporary pastor, are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 noon.
Pastor Jim Hicks – 607-898-5201- hicksjam@verizon.net

For Prayer:

Dave and Kathlene Gross, Bob Sincerbeaux,
Jim Krebs, Rex Sager, brother of Dottie Slocum, Beverly Boda,
sister of Carol LaPlant

Worship for Next Sunday

January 9, 2022

First Sunday of Epiphany

Scripture: Genesis 1: 1-5. 26-31; Revelation 21:1-5a

Sermon: "For Goodness Sake!"

Verse 1:

The first Noel, the angel did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain:

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.

Verse 2:

They look-ed up and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.

Refrain

Verse 3:

And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.

Refrain

Verse 4:

This star drew nigh to the northwest,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay,
Right over the place where Jesus lay.

Refrain

Verse 5:

Then entered in those wise men three,
Full rev'rently upon their knee,
And offered there in His presence
Their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.

Refrain

Verse 6:

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord,
That hath made Heav'n and earth of naught,
And with His blood mankind hath bought.

Refrain

Text: Traditional English carol

Music: *The First Noel*, W. Sandys' *Christmas Carols*, 1833

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, Amen.

Text: *Gloria Patri*; Traditional, 2nd century
Music: *Meineke*, Christoph Meineke

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Text: Thomas Ken
Music: Old Hundredth, Genevan Psalter, 1551; attributed to Louis Bourgeois

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Verse 1:
O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home!

Verse 2:
Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

Verse 3:
Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

Verse 4:
A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Verse 5:
Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly, forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.

Verse 6:
O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last,
And our eternal home.
Amen.

Text: Isaac Watts; based on Psalm 90
Music: *St. Anne* by William Croft

The Solid Rock

Verse 1:

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand –
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

Verse 2:

When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high a stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil.

Refrain

Verse 3:

His oath, His covenant, His blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.

Refrain

Verse 4:

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in Him be found,
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.

Refrain

Text: Edward Moore

Music: *Solid Rock*, William B. Bradbury