



*Sunday, December 27th, 2020*  
*~ First After Christmas - Virtual Service ~*

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Worship Team: Rev. Dr. Pirie Mitchell, Dan Leaver, Liz Dunlop  
Lauren Wren, Cindy Milne-Wren  
Music Team: Karen Schuessler, Bill Jacklin

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*VU = red hymnal Voices United*  
*Please sing along at home; we have provided the lyrics!*

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<b><i>Prelude:</i></b> What Child Is This? (arr. Purvis)	Karen Schuessler
<b><i>Welcome and Life and Work of the Church</i></b>	Rev. Pirie
<b><i>Lighting of the Christ Candle</i></b>	Dan Leaver
<b><i>Indigenous Land Acknowledgement</i></b>	Rev. Pirie
<b><i>Call to Worship</i></b>	Dan Leaver

The big day has come and gone. The wrapping paper is in the fire.  
The Christmas cake is now a few crumbs. The goose is a leftover sandwich.  
The fatigue has set in. And yet we are called to the temple to witness those, like us,  
who have waited for this time. Jesus has arrived and the mission has been  
reignited in us as a time to serve. Today we answer the call willingly.  
Christ is with us. It's a great day!

***Opening Prayer (in unison)*** Rev. Pirie

**O God of Christmas days, help us into tomorrow. We willingly answer the call to be a disciple of Jesus as we ready for a new year. Last year has been difficult with the Corona virus causing our sanctuary to be in limited closure and the opportunities to serve the community limited. Be with us as we journey into a Corona free time. Help us see the new opportunities to serve you through the message of Jesus. Amen**

**Hymn:** It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

VU 44 verses 1 & 4

1. It came upon the midnight clear,  
that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth  
to touch their harps of gold,  
“Peace on the earth, good will to all,  
from heaven’s all gracious King!”  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
to hear the angels sing.

4. For, lo! The days are hastening on,  
by prophets seen of old,  
when with the ever-circling years  
shall come the time foretold,  
when peace shall over all the earth  
its ancient splendours fling,  
and the whole world send back the song  
which now the angels sing.

**Learning with Children**

Dan Leaver

**Scripture:** Scripture reading: Luke 2: 22-40  
Secular reading: Mary’s Purification  
Scripture reading: Galatians 4: 4-7

Lauren Wren  
Cindy Milne-Wren  
Liz Dunlop

**Special Music:** Coventry Carol Senior Choir YouTube Video  
Pageant of the Shearmen and Tailors, 15<sup>th</sup> century (arr. Martin Shaw)

**Sermon:** Post Partum Recovery

Rev. Pirie

**Hymn:** What Child is This?

VU 74 verses 1 & 3

1. What Child is this, who, laid to rest,  
On Mary’s lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
while shepherds watch are keeping?

*Refrain: This, this is Christ, the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
haste, haste to bring him laud,  
the Babe, the Son of Mary!*

3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,  
come, one and all, to own him.  
The King of Kings salvation brings;  
let loving hearts enthrone him. *Refrain*



**Offertory Prayer**

Rev. Pirie

**Prayers of the People:**

Rev. Pirie

**Lord’s Prayer** (in unison) (VU page 921)

Youth Quest

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed by 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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil:  
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

**Hymn:** O Little Town of Bethlehem

VU 64 verses 1 & 4

1. O little town of Bethlehem,  
how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by;  
yet in thy dark streets shineth  
the everlasting light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in thee tonight.

4. O holy Child of Bethlehem,  
descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin and enter in;  
be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
our Lord Emmanuel.

**Commissioning:**

Rev. Pirie

Christmas celebration is over; the work of Christmas has just begun. The tinsel is traded for food for the poor. The tree of ornaments is traded for the tree of life and all its daily needs. The gifts so quickly open are traded for the ongoing gift of the child who brings the world together each day. Let us renew ourselves in the life's work of the Christ child!

**\*Congregational Response** (in unison)

VU 298

**When you walk from here, when you walk from here,  
walk with justice, walk with mercy, and with God's humble care.**

**Benediction**

Pirie

Pick up where you left off and carry on the work of God through Christ!

**Postlude:** O Come, All Ye Faithful (arr. Emma Lou Diemer)

Karen Schuessler

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