



Service of Worship

Second Sunday of Christmas

January 2, 2011

9:30am



"Dawn" by Eric Gill, 1929

We warmly welcome all who have come to worship with us today.

For parents with young children: a nursery is available during all services in the lower level for children under age 5. If you are visiting, please complete the Communication Card located on the chair backs. Hymnals and Bibles are located under each chair.

◆ **Prelude** *Carol Choice*
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◆ **Gathering Song** *Carol Choice*

◆ **Welcome and Announcements**

◆ **Sharing of the Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

◆ **Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the Word made flesh, the Lord and giver of life.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: God of glory, God of peace,

C: **we confess that we have shunned the light that reveals the truth about us. We cling to worldly things rather than sharing the gifts of this earth. We trust ourselves above all. Save your people, O God, and free us to live boldly in the light and truth of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.**

P: The grace of God shines upon us, bringing salvation to the whole world. We are saved, our sins are washed away, not because of anything we have done, but according to God's mercy in Jesus Christ. Renewed by the Holy Spirit, let us live in hope and joy. **Amen.**

◆ **Opening Song** *Carol Choice*

◆ **Greeting**

P: The Savior is born!

C: He is born in a manger.

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

◆ **The Prayer of the Day**

P: O God our redeemer, you created light that we might live, and you illumine our world with your beloved Son. By your Spirit comfort us in all darkness, and turn us toward the light of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

◆ **First Reading**

Ephesians 2:13-22

¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵ He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷ So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸ for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰ built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²² in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

◆ **Song**

Carol Choice

◆ **Gospel Reading**

John 1:10-18

John begins his gospel with this prologue: a hymn to the Word through whom all things were created. This Word became flesh and brought grace and truth to the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶ From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

◆ **Children's Message**

Pastor Mark Nelson

◆ **Song**

Carol Choice

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◆ **Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the

forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

◆ ***Giving Back to God/Offertory***

◆ ***Offering Response*** *Your Little Ones, Dear Lord* 286

Oh, draw us wholly to you, Lord, and to us all your grace accord; true faith and love to us impart, that we may hold you in our heart.

◆ ***Offertory Prayer***

P: Good and loving God,

C: we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

◆ ***Prayer Song*** *Hear Our Prayer* 178

Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole: peace to all people, hope for each soul. God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

◆ ***Prayers of the Church***

*We remember in our prayers: **Peace Members:** Vi Turner, Barbara Lockwood, Chirapaporn Ekegren, Ardis Bogen **Friends of Peace:** Ken Kjeldahl, Jerry Yeager, Barbara Howell, Roy Jacobson, Lee Jacobson, Deb Simensen, Tom Bro, Dale Winegar, Scott Hyde, Ruth Lahti **Military:** Matt Bartels*

◆ ***Holy Communion***

Jesus gives of himself in the bread and wine and invites us to receive it for the forgiveness of sin. All are welcome at His table. In addition to red wine, white grape juice is also available. We also have gluten free/wheat free/corn free/soy free wafers. If you would like this type please identify yourself when receiving Communion. Please come forward using the center aisle and return to your seat using the side aisle. If you are not able to come forward to receive Communion

please notify an usher and the bread and wine will be brought to you.

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 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, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

◆ ***Communion Song*** *Carol Choice*

◆ ***Communion Blessing and Prayer***

P: Let us pray:

Great and saving God, you have gathered your scattered people around the gifts of grain and wine, the body and blood of our Savior Christ. As we, like the shepherds, return on our way, may we proclaim all we have heard and seen, praising you in word and loving deed for the gift of Jesus, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

◆ ***God's Blessing to Us***

P: The holy Three, holy One, increase your hope, strengthen your faith, deepen your love, and grant you peace. **Amen.**

◆ ***Song*** *Carol Choice*

◆ ***Sending***

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

The altar flowers this morning are given by Steve and Pam Kairies in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary.

Worship Assistants

Usher:	Justin and Kim Myhre
Greeters:	Randy and Melissa Hoepner
Lector:	Gary Vig
Communion Assistants:	Ken and Kathy Anderson
Music:	Jon and Anita Young
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