

Christmas Season 2020-2021
Thursday, December 24th, 2020 to Sunday, January 3, 2021
Lectionary and Worship Notes

Thursday, December 24, 2020 **Christmas Eve**

4 PM/5 PM Outdoor Christmas Caroling

We will gather outside the front doors of the sanctuary for hot chocolate, candy canes, and the following brief Christmas Caroling Service

- Gathering Prayer
- Christmas Proclamation
- Christmas Carols 1 & 2
- The Christmas Gospel
- Christmas Carols 3 & 4
- A Christmas Prayer
- Silent Night – with candles everyone will get to take home
- “We Wish You A Merry Christmas”

A Worship video will be released online on December 24th that will have more worship elements:
The four Christmas scripture readings, the sermon, prayers of intercession, special music

Lessons

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| Isaiah 9:2-7 | <i>The prophecy of a righteous king is foretold</i> |
| Psalm 96 | |
| Titus 2:11-14 | <i>Salvation to all has come, and this shapes how we live</i> |
| Luke 2:1-20 | <i>the birth of Jesus is heralded by angels and shepherds</i> |

Prayer of the Day Heavenly Father, as the angels sing out once more heralding your Son’s humble birth, we rejoice in the Good News that you value creation so deeply, that you offer renewal. Strengthen our hope tonight, that we may experience this renewal across our hurting world. Bring an end to our global pandemic. Shine your eternal light to overcome our darkness. And send us singing with the angels, with the message that still needs to be heard today: Jesus Christ is born. In your holy name, we pray. Amen

Sunday, December 27, 2020 **Christmas Sunday 1**

Lessons

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| Isaiah 61:10-62:3 | <i>Rejoice in what the Lord has done, in bringing salvation</i> |
| Psalm 148 | |
| Galatians 4:4-7 | <i>God sent his Son, so that we may all be God’s children</i> |

Luke 2:22-40 *While presenting their newborn son at the Temple, Mary and Joseph encounter Simeon and Anna who have amazing prophecies for Jesus*

Prayer of the Day Lord Jesus, many people crave to see the salvation you bring. May we, like Simeon and Anna, rejoice for we have seen the goodness of your salvation. Grant us the voice to call others to see the same glorious salvation, so that all may rejoice. We pray in your holy name. Amen

Worship Assistant:
Musician:

Sunday, January 3, 2021 Christmas Sunday 2

Lessons

Jeremiah 31:7-14	<i>Jeremiah offers a word of hope in the coming salvation of God</i>
Psalms 147:12-20	
Ephesians 1:3-14	<i>God's plan centers on Christ, who gathers all things into God's redemption</i>
John 1:1-18	<i>John introduces Christ as the Word of God who is inseparable from God</i>

Prayer of the Day Holy Trinity, from the inception of time itself, you have woven yourself into the fabric of all creation through the Word. Now in the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, you demonstrate the fullness of your creative work and open the way to everlasting life for all. Help us to see your fullness in the same Jesus, who is our Savior and Lord, one God, now and forever. Amen

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