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Sunday, December 29, 2019

8:30am

As the prelude plays, silently come into the Lord's presence.
Open your heart and give yourself up to Christ who is here to meet you today.
"Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10

PRELUDE *"Gesu Bambino"* – Yon

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God has said, "In the day of Salvation have I helped you."

People: Behold, now is the accepted time; behold NOW is the day of salvation.

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!
Let us worship God.

*HYMN *"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"* No. 22

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Eternal God, we praise You for the celebrations of this season, the love that brightens our way, the grace that makes us new. So often our days are full of distractions, deadlines, and duties. No matter how hard we work, how well we plan, the unexpected emerges at what seems to be the wrong time. Forgive us when we fail to allow for Divine intervention or to allow the Eternal to touch the now, making it a present for us. Teach us anew that our times are in Your hands and that it may be "for just such a time as this" that we have been placed where we are. In Jesus' name, Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE

[Please share Christ's peace with one another with handshakes, hugs, kisses—however you feel led.]

*HYMN *"O Come, All Ye Faithful"*

**O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(For those who wish, children grades 1-4 can leave for children's church at this time.)

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *Psalm 90:1-4, 10-12 (OT p547)*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING *Ephesians 5:15-17 (NT 194)*

SERMON *"Counting Days or Days That Count?"* Rev. David Drain

*HYMN *"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"* No. 210

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *"Il Est Ne"* – Haan

*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*HYMN *"Great God, We Sing That Mighty Hand"* No. 265

*BENEDICTION & CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *"Let There Be Peace on Earth"*

*POSTLUDE *"How Lovely Shines the Morning Star"* – Pachelbel

11:00 Service

Greeting & Announcements

*Praise & Worship

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Come, Now is the Time to Worship
10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

(For those who wish, children grades K-4 can leave for children's church at this time.)

First Scripture Reading: Psalm 90:1-4, 10-12

Second Scripture Reading: Ephesians 5:15-17

Sermon: *"Counting Days or Days That Count?"*

*Offering/Closing Song

Yes and Amen

*Benediction

<p>Next Week (Epiphany & Covenant Renewal)</p>

<p>Isaiah 60:1-6</p>

<p>Matthew 2:1-12</p>

<p><i>"The Kings and the Covenant"</i></p>
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