



**Jesus Who
Is...**

January 5, 2025

2nd Sunday of Christmas

“Resolution One: I will live for God. Resolution Two: If no one else does, I still will.”

— Johnathan Edwards, 1703-1758

TIME OF QUIET PREPARATION

Worship begins with the prelude. Please quiet and prepare yourself for worship. Relax your body; quiet the inner dialogue of your mind; be open and receptive to God’s Spirit in our midst.

PRELUDE Overture from Cantata 147, “Unto Us a Child is Born” J.S. Bach
Organist, Larry Gillum

CHORAL INTROIT

WELCOME The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 146) Liturgist, Nancy Almond

Come and sing praises to our God.

God, the One who gathers us here.

Give thanks for God’s handiwork, the makings of the earth.

How good it is to sing praises to our God.

Give thanks to God who cares for those in need.

Let us sing to the Lord with Thanksgiving.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 66** “We Three Kings of Orient Are”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God, you have blessed us with every spiritual blessing. Yet, we fail to live as your children. We make choices that hurt others, we allow selfish ambition to guide our lives rather than your grace, and we fail to trust you when things don’t go our way. Forgive us God, and help us live into your hope that is uniquely given to us in Christ Jesus.

Silent Prayer of Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***RESPONSE:**

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are: "Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o; Glo ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o." The word "Refrain" is written above the first system. The music is in a 4/4 time signature and a key signature of one flat (B-flat).

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Ephesians 1:3-14, NRSV

CHANCEL CHOIR

"Gentle Voice"

Dengler
Director, Rich Dixon

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-38, NRSV

MESSAGE

"Jesus Who Is..."

The Rev. Dr. Christine

Dempsey

MEDITATION AND *HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 138 (GLORY TO GOD) See following pages

"Who Would Think That What Was Needed"

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

G-1.402 An active member is a person who has made a profession of faith in Christ, has been baptized, has been received into membership of the church, has voluntarily submitted to the government of this church, and participates in the church's work and worship.

Tina Myers, Fred Thibodeau, Rebecca Chopp

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" (Forest Green)

Wilbur Held

***DOXOLOGY**

Hymnal # 592)

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts:

lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS: "O COME, LET US ADORE HIM"

Refrain

O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a -
dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ, the Lord!

The image shows a musical score for the Sanctus. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The first system is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics 'O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a -'. The second system contains the lyrics 'dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ, the Lord!'. The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (UNISON)

Loving and gracious God, from east and west, from north and south, you have gathered us at your table, called us your beloved, and fed us from your love. Transform us to be your body in the world, and fortify us by your Spirit, so that we may serve you and our neighbors with great joy. Amen.

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

(Not merely announcements, but the activities of our life together that reflect our day-to-day responses to God's call for faithfulness and your invitation to join in!)

***HYMN OF SENDING NO. 29**

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

(please remain standing)

POSTLUDE

Carols of the Season

**Please stand if you are able.*



The Week Ahead

Monday, January 6

- 1:00pm Membership Committee
- 3:30pm Ballet Renaissance

Tuesday, January 7

- 12:00pm One Day at a Time AA Group
- 3:00pm Ballet Renaissance
- 6:30pm Estes Valley Chamber Singers

Wednesday, January 8

- 10:30am Mission and Outreach Committee
- 12:00pm Bible Study
- 12:30pm Estes Nonprofit Network
- 1:00pm The Good Grief Group
- 3:00pm Girl Scout Troop 70449
- 4:00pm Joyful Bells
- 5:30pm Girl Scout Troop 70455/77784

Thursday, January 9

- 8:30am EPNRC Board Meeting
- 1:00pm Foundation
- 3:00pm Journeys Inner Work Group
- 4:00pm Chancel Bells
- 6:30pm One Day at a Time AA Group
- 6:30pm Chancel Choir

Friday, January 10

- 3:30pm Ballet Renaissance

Sunday, January 12

- 8:15am Adult Sunday School
- 8:30am Journeys
- 10:00am Worship/Installation of Officers
- 6:00pm Oratorio Society Orchestra Rehearsal

*See the full church calendar on
www.pccrusa.org*

Announcements

Greeter this morning is Jim Jonell.

Fellowship Time—Join us after worship today for coffee and treats hosted by the Card Making Group.

Please join our new members in Fellowship Hall immediately following the service for a **Welcome Reception**.

Wednesday Bible Study with Pastor Christine—Join Pastor Christine as Bible Study begins the new year on Wednesday, January 8th at noon in the church Library. All are welcome!

Congratulations and a BIG THANK YOU to all who donated to the Crossroads Market! We reached our goal (and some) by donating 1,047 pounds of food and other essential items during 2024. We will have the shopping cart in the Narthex again on January 19th to collect your donations. We have also heard from the Larimer County Food Bank that they are out of rice. If you would like more information, contact Renee Warren.

Are you missing something and have struggled to figure out where you might have lost it? We have a lot of items in our **LOST AND FOUND BOX**. They are on display in the Narthex this morning so please take a look and see if we have found it.

Upcoming:

Sunday, January 12—Installation of new church officers during the worship service

Sunday, January 19—A presentation on Malawi by the Nussbaumers following the service

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