



An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
 Stone Presbyterian Church
 A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
 December 31, 2023 ~ First Sunday of Christmas



We Gather to Worship Christ the Newborn King

PRELUDE "Personent Hodie" Colin Mawby

POURING BAPTISMAL WATER

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Arise, shine, for your light has come.
And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
 For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever.
Let us worship God.

+ HYMN #29 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" GO TELL IT
 (+Those who are able may stand.)

CONFESSION OF SIN

God of glory,
 you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world,
 to reveal your love for all people.
 We confess that our sin and pride
 hide the brightness of your light.
 We turn away from the poor;
 we ignore cries for justice;
 we do not strive for peace.
 In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin,
 and baptize us once again with your Spirit,
 that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory
 shining in the face of Jesus Christ, in whose name we ask it. Amen.



THE PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel—
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

+A DOXOLOGY (to the tune GLORIA)

To the Father praises bring,
 To the Son, the coming king,
 To the Holy Spirit raise
 This our song of grateful praise:
Glo—ria in excelsis Deo! Glo—ria in excelsis Deo!

+THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. / **And also with you.**

A Liturgy of the Word in Lessons and Carols
 (please remain seated for the hymns)

Luke 1:5-80 #48 "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" ES IST EIN' ROS'

Matthew 1:1-25 #43 "O Little Town of Bethlehem (vv. 1, 3)" FOREST GREEN

Matthew 2:1-12 #66 "We Three Kings (vv. 2-4)" THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

Matthew 2:13-23 #66 "We Three Kings (vv. 1, 5)" THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

Galatians 3:26-4:7 #47 "Still, Still, Still" STILL, STILL, STILL

Luke 2:1-20 #23 "Angels We Have Heard on High" GLORIA



