



An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
 Stone Presbyterian Church
 A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
 December 29, 2024 ~ First Sunday of Christmas



We Gather to Worship Christ the Newborn King

PRELUDE "Go Tell It in the Mountain" Charles Callahan

POURING BAPTISMAL WATER

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 #23 "Angels We Have Heard on High" GLORIA
 (+Those who are able may stand.)

WELCOME

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

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

Matthew 1:1-1:25 #25 "Away in the Manager" MUELLER

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

Matthew 2:13-23 #35 "In Bethlehem a Newborn Boy" (see insert) to GREENSLEEVES

Galatians 3:26-4:7 #27 "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

Luke 2:1-20 #40 "Joy to the World!" ANTIOCH



We Respond in Faith with Thanksgiving

+AFFIRMING OUT FAITH

In the beginning was the Word. And the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him nothing was made. What was made in him was life, and the life was the light of humankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not been able to overcome it.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth. We have seen his glory—glory as of the only Son from the Father. And from his fullness we have all received grace upon grace. Amen.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH, JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, THE LORD’S PRAYER

(“traditional version,” *The Presbyterian Hymnal*, p. 16)

OFFERTORY “Little Baby Boy” Richard Avery and Donald Marsh

+A DOXOLOGY #41, stanza 3 (“Sing, Choirs of Angels”) ADESTE FIDELIS

+PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We Go Out to Serve as Christmas People

+ HYMN #29 “Go, Tell It on the Mountain” GO TELL IT

+CHARGE & BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE



STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

December 29, 2024 ~ 1st Sunday of Christmas ~ 10:30 a.m.

The purpose of Stone Church is to be an inviting, spiritual community of Christ, engaging in worship that inspires and challenges us to learn and grow as we reach out in caring and service, trusting in the love of God.



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