

Order of Worship

January 5, 2025

Second Sunday of Christmas



Prelude

The Hills Are Bare at Bethlehem, Paxton

Call to Worship

One: The Word became flesh and lived among us

All: And we have seen his glory.

One: The true light that enlightens everyone has come into the world.

All: Glory to God who has blessed us in Christ. Glory to God forever.

Hymn No. 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy God, we confess that we are a distracted people and forgetful of your love. We make selfish choices, hurt each other, and perpetuate injustice in your world. We have sinned against you and are deeply sorry and repent of our disregard of you, each other, and your creation. By the power of your Holy Spirit, forgive, restore, and strengthen us to live in your light and walk in your truth; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Moment for Silent Confession

Kyrie No. 551

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Gloria No. 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Passing of the Peace

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Special Music

We Three Kings, Estelle Carter, soloist (11:00 a.m.)

Word to Grow By

Second Reading

John 1:1-18

Sermon

The True Light, Rev. Nick Reed

Hymn No. 108 (vv. 1,2,5,6)

Of the Father's Love Begotten (11:00 a.m.)

Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

The Apostles' Creed, Hymnal, p. 35

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal p. 35

Offertory

Love Came Down, Brown (11:00 a.m.)

Doxology No. 606

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.

Prayer of Dedication

Communion

(9:00 a.m.)

Hymn No. 673

Jesus, Light of Joy

Benediction

Postlude

Star over Bethlehem, Powell

Liturgist: Chris Sarkowski

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God in memory of Joseph Barnett Farr by Kimberly and Wells Farr.

Welcome to worship at First Presbyterian Church, Auburn

New to the Presbyterian Church USA? We would love to share with you more about our Reformed tradition of theology and worship.

New to Auburn, or simply new to this congregation? We'd love to share with you more about the rich history of this church and its valuable contributions to the Auburn community.

Searching for a church home? We would love to join you in that search and help discern whether First Presbyterian may be where God is calling you to be nurtured, inspired, and empowered.

Please take a moment to fill out our [online Friendship Register](#) or you may contact either of us directly.

Revs. Nick and Kathy Reed, Co-Pastors