SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD’S DAY

**11:00 a.m. SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS January 2, 2022**

*“So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has*

*passed away; see, everything has become new!” 2 Corinthians 5:17*

 **CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**PRELUDE** Angels We Have Heard on High Christopher Uehlein

**INTROIT** Lo, how a Rose E’er Blooming *Tune:* ES IST EIN’ ROS’

 **\*CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF ADORATION**

 **\*HYMN**  No. 673 *Tune:* LAUDA ANIMA

 Jesus, Light of Joy

 **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Eternal God, who has moved in mysterious ways your wonders to perform, making old things new, and forgiving the wrongs we cannot forget. We confess our failures in living and loving, the time we have wasted, and the years that have served no purpose. Daily we do wrong and fail to do your will, so that our calendars condemn us and our resolutions hold little hope for success. Forgive the past, that it may not cripple us forever. Lead us into the future by grace, that we may be free from sin and free for renewed loyalty to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**DECLARATION OF PARDON**

 **\*GLORIA**  No. 132

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice.

Now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!

Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.

Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

**WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

 (Please sign and pass the Friendship Registers at this time.)

**INVITATION TO THE CHILDREN**

 **ANTHEM**  Chancel Choir

 **UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Merciful God, who does not will your children to wander in darkness: pour the light of your Spirit into our minds and hearts, that we may discover your will and be given the will to do it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

 **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**  Jeremiah 31:10-14 Page 734

 **NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** John 1:1-18 Page 90

**SERMON** “Already But Not Yet” Dr. Childs

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** A Brief Statement of Faith, 1991

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” Amen.

**THE PRAYERS**

 **\*HYMN** No. 149 *Tune:* AURELIA

###### All Hail to God’s Anointed

 **SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

#####  **Invitation and Institution**

#####  **Prayer of Great Thanksgiving**

 Minister: The Lord be with you.

 People: And also with you.

 Minister: Lift up your hearts.

 People: We lift them to the Lord.

 Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

 People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

 **The Lord’s Prayer** (debts/debtors)

 **Communion of the People**

*Eat the bread individually, symbol of our personal communion with the Lord;*

*Drink the cup together, symbol of our shared communion with the Lord.*

 **Communion Hymn** No. 533

In the singing, in the silence, in the hands expectant, open, in the blessing,

in the breaking, in the Presence at this table

Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace:

Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.

 **Response**

 “Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.” Jeremiah 17:7

 **Prayer**

 **\*HYMN** No. 136 *Tune:* GO TELL IT

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE** God Rest You Merry Wilbur Held

 **\***Congregation please stand.

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR** marks the beginning of the Lord’s Day service. The prelude is a time for quiet preparation and private prayer as the congregation prepares to worship God.

**PREACHING** is Dr. Brian Childs, chair of the Department of Bioethics at Mercer University School of Medicine and a Presbyterian minister.

**GREETER:**  Charlotte Keenoy…**USHERS:** Cam Patterson, head usher; Brett Lundy, Belinda Walters, and Dan Walters ... **EXTENDED SESSION TEACHERS:** Natalie Chase, Tessa Parker, Katherine Brooks, and Mary Margaret Brooks.