

MORNING WORSHIP

December 30, 2018

Half past Ten O'Clock

First Sunday after Christmas Day

*When the organ begins, please prepare for worship through silent prayer and meditation.
Following the service, greet one another with joy and affection!*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

TIME OF MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

+WELCOME AND NOTICES

PRELUDE

Carol of the Nativity

John Ireland

INTROIT

"O Come All Ye Faithful"
Ivey Cherry, baritone

(ADESTE FIDELES)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 136:1-4, 26

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good,

People: for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: O give thanks to the God of gods,

People: for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord of lords,

People: for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, who alone does great wonders,

People: for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: O give thanks to the God of heaven,

People: for God's steadfast love endures forever.

All: Let us worship our God of enduring love.

+*HYMN 49

"Once in Royal David's City"

IRBY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: O Lord, we come as ourselves. Just as we are – our feelings, our fears our joys, our sadnesses. You see us as we really are. You know us through and through. You see all -- all that we are or ever have been. Every experience in our lives is laid before You. Every image we have seen -- each touch, each sensation, every word we have ever heard or spoken. And each word, each idea, each thought, which is imprinted in our souls, is known to You. You know us better than our closest friends. You know us better than we know ourselves. You know us -- and because of who we are and in spite of what we are – incredibly, You love us. We are of inestimable value to You. You love us through and through. Nothing, nobody can remove us from Your love.

All: We now offer You all our hurts, our bruises, our rejections. We offer You all those things of which we are ashamed -- what we have said, and done, and thought - all that has brought hurt to You and to others. Lord, pour Your cleansing streams of living water all over us. Make the parched deserts of our being spring to life. Refresh us, Renew us. Take away all distractions, all temptations, all evil thoughts and desires. Remove from us all our anxiety, take away every hidden fear. Help us to know that Your perfect love casts out all fear.

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

Congregation: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN 85 (Verse 1) "What Wondrous Love Is This" WONDROUS LOVE

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Immediately following Message for Young Disciples, kindergarteners and first graders are invited to the Chapel. They will return to the Sanctuary during the Doxology.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Colossians 3:12-17, pew Bible, p. 1074

SERMON

"The Quality of Love"

Mary Bowman

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 172

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

RESIGNATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, CONCLUDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Sister Mary Had-a But One Child"
Ivey Cherry, baritone

arr. Roland Hayes

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 592)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Howard Thurman

**When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and the princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among brothers and sisters,
To make music in the heart.
Amen.**

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 36

"In the Bleak Midwinter"

CRANHAM

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

David Willcocks

*Those who are able, please stand.

+Ushers may seat late worshipers

SELWYN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WARMLY WELCOMES ALL WHO VISIT

Please take a moment to sign the registry of friendship as it is passed along your pew so that you may be greeted and greet others by name. If you are actively searching for a new church home, we invite you to fill out the card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.

Membership is by one of three paths: 1) profession of faith in Jesus Christ (for those who have never been part of a Christian church); 2) re-affirmation of faith (for those who formerly were part of a congregation but have not been involved in recent times - for example, you were baptized and/or confirmed but moved and never engaged with a new congregation); or 3) transfer of membership from another congregation (your membership is with another church).

New members and prospective members are invited to participate in Orientation Classes, which are scheduled several times a year, and are a wonderful way to meet others and learn about our church and all the opportunities here. We always stand ready to be in communication with you about your particular situation. The contact information for all staff members is in the bulletin each week.

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