

## 2ND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS JANUARY 3, 2021 Gathering in Praise

Welcome Rev. Jimmy Spear  
 Prelude Traditional  
 Call to Worship and Prayer Rev. Dr. Brad Stagg

In Christ we are blessed, in Christ we are chosen  
**to live in the praise of God's glorious grace!**  
 In Christ we belong in the family, adopted  
**to live in the praise of God's glorious grace!**  
 In Christ the great mystery of God is revealed;  
**to live in the praise of God's glorious grace!**  
 In Christ we are called to be blameless and free,  
**to live in the praise of God's glorious grace!**

Hymn # 173 As With Gladness

**Vs 1** As with gladness sages bold did the guiding star behold;  
 As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;  
 So, true Morning Star, may we evermore your splendor see.  
**Vs 2** As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly manger bed,  
 There to bend the knee before One whom heaven and earth adore;  
 So may we with willing feet ever seek your mercy seat.  
**Vs 3** As they offered gifts most rare at the manger plain and bare,  
 So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,  
 All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to you from whom they spring.

### Proclaiming the Word

Children's Moment Rev. Spear  
 Scripture: Luke 2:22-40  
 Meditation Setting the Course  
 Music Carol Rhapsody  
 Stewardship Moment Richard Purvis  
Rev. Spear

## Response of Great Thanksgiving

Blessing of Home Communion Dr. Stagg and Nora Dietzel  
 Communion Hymn # 167 Go Tell It On the Mountain

**REFRAIN** Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
 go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

**Vs 1** While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,  
 Behold throughout the heavens there shown a holy light. **REFRAIN**

**Vs 2** The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo! above the earth,  
 Rang out the angel chorus that hailed the Savior's birth. **REFRAIN**

**Vs 3** Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,  
 And God send us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. **REFRAIN**

Words of Institution and Lord's Prayer Dr. Stagg  
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom  
 come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our  
 daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead  
 us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom,  
 and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Benediction Dr. Stagg  
 Postlude Traditional  
*Go Tell It On the Mountain*

### Prayers of the Congregation

Prayer is an important part of our ministry to each other and one way of sharing  
 God's grace. This week the following requests have been made. Please lift their  
 names to God:

**Prayers for Support, Hope, and Healing:** Family of Ellyn Brothers (Following her  
 death on Dec. 29), Marge Carter, Janelle Patterson, Glenda Clark

#### Participants in Today's Service

Rev. Dr. Brad Stagg, Senior Minister  
 Rev. Jimmy Spear, Associate Minister  
 Michael Sauer, Director of Music  
 Dr. Rochelle Parker, Organ  
 Travis McFarlane, Piano  
 Nora Dietzel, Elder  
 Luke Stagg, Videographer



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