

REACH OUT IN CHRIST
FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

December 29, 2019

10:00 AM

Prelude David Matthews

Welcome and Announcements

*Passing the Peace of Christ

*Introit

*Call to Worship

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

People: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

Leader: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

People: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.

*Hymn "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" 224

Opening Prayer

Generous God, You who travelled to earth to be among us as one of us, open our hearts and minds to understand Your gift better. Your presence saves us—from the power of fear, from the power of pride, from the power of the death. Be with us now, strengthen our faith and make us one in You. Bless us now as you did in days of old. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

The Children's Moment Mary Ferraro

Offertory David Matthews

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology 95

Hymn "Rock-a-Bye, My Dear Little Boy" 235

Prayers of God's People

Choir Anthem "Hope, Love and Joy to the World" (P. Choplin)

Scripture Matthew 2:13-23

Sermon "Minding the Miracle" Mary Carefoot

*Hymn "Angels We Have Heard on High" (vss. 1,2) 238

*Benediction

Postlude David Matthews

**Please stand as you are able*

***Altar Flowers** – The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God.

***Welcome** – We welcome all who have come to worship today. We would love to support your spiritual journey. We also need your help in ministry! Consider making this place your spiritual home.

***Hearing Assistance Devices** are available. Please ask an usher for help.

***Circle of Prayer** – Sue Davis, Ray & Kitty Brown, Shirley Pike, Charlie Grimes, Cindy Maytum, Evelyn Sheppard, Selma Marlowe, Jack Eckardt, Aida Weldon and Marianne Myatt.

It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old. Isaiah 63:9

THIS WEEK

MON. (12/30) 9:30am Food and Clothes Distribution
WED. (1/1) **HAPPY NEW YEAR**
OFFICE CLOSED
5:00pm Love Feast (no Clothes Closet)
THUR. (1/2) 10:00 AM Crafts with Kim in Henderson Hall
FRI. (1/3) **OFFICE CLOSED**
SUN. (1/5) **OFFICER INSTALLATION**
8:45am Sunday School in Conf. Room
9:00am Soul Cafe
10:00am Worship Service in the Sanctuary (kids' church & nursery)

***THANKS**—A big “Thank You” to all who pulled together during the holiday season and made everything happen. We had a wonderful Advent/Christmas observance.

***GUEST PREACHER**—Thanks to Mary Carefoot who will be preaching today while Pastor David is away.

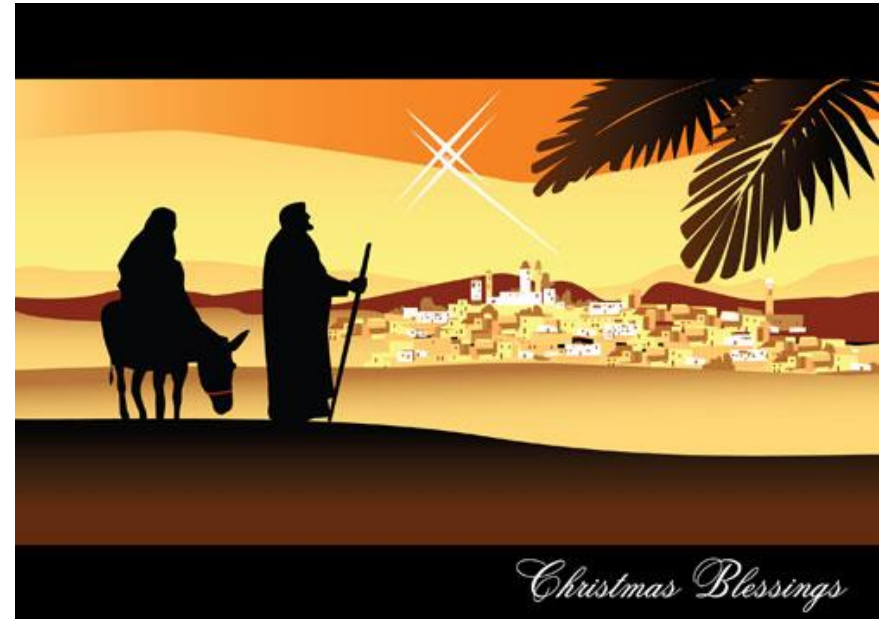
***CRAFTS WITH KIM**—Crafts with Kim will meet on Thursday, January 2, at 10:00 am in Henderson Hall.

***OFFICER INSTALLATION SUNDAY**—On Sunday, January 5, we will be installing the new officers for 2020.

***STAFF PARISH MEETING**—The Staff Parish Committee will be meeting on Monday, January 6, at 6:30 pm in the Conference Room.

***WPUMW**—The WPUMW will meet on Tuesday January 7, at 1:00 pm in Henderson Hall.

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