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Sunday Worship

December 27, 2015 – 10:00 AM

First Sunday after Christmas

The Word of God

Welcome & Quiet Time (* indicates when to stand) Welcome to worship today. We're glad you've come to glorify God with us. We invite you to take part in everything. Follow the singing with the words in this bulletin, and come to the Table for communion. You are invited to stay for refreshments after the service.

Prelude

***Gathering Song: Angles From The Realms Of Glory**

Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth; ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth.

(Refrain:) Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.

Shepherds, in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night; God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant light. *(Refrain)*

Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar; seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen his natal star. *(Refrain)*

Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear, suddenly the lord, descending, in his temple shall appear. *(Refrain)*

Priest: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Priest: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***Song of Praise: Here I Am To Worship**

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness opened my eyes, let me see beauty that made this heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You.

(Chorus:) Here I am to worship. Here I am to bow down. Here I am to say that You're my God. You're altogether lovely. Altogether worthy. Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, Oh so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above, humbly You came to the earth You created, all for love's sake became poor. *(Chorus)*

I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross. *(2 times)*

Here I am to worship. Here I am to bow down. Here I am to say that You're my God. You're altogether lovely. Altogether worthy. Altogether wonderful to me. *(2 times)*

Here I am to worship.

***All:** Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Reading from Isaiah

(61:10-62:3)

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

***Gradual Song: Song of Mary**

(Chorus:) My soul shouts out the greatness of the Lord. My heart is dancing because of God my Savior. My soul shouts out the greatness of the Lord. My heart is dancing because of God my Savior.

The Lord has favored me all ages will proclaim that God has done great things for me, and holy is his Name. On those who fear The Lord his mercy will abide, He showed the strength of his right arm, the proud are scattered wide. *(Chorus)*

The mighty are cast down and lowly ones are raised. He fills the hungry with good things and sends the rich away. He comes to us to keep the promise that was made before to Abraham and all his heirs of mercy evermore. *(Chorus)*

***The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John**

(1:1-18)

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Christ.

Sermon (please be seated)

***Priest:** Let us profess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***Prayers of the People**

Leader: To us a child is born, to us a son is given; let us pray for the people he came to save.

Wonderful Counsellor, you order all things with your wisdom: help the Church to reveal the mystery of your love and fill her with the Spirit of truth, especially All Souls, Atlee and St. Gabriel's, Leesburg:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Mighty God, the government is on your shoulders: guide the leaders of the nations and bring in your kingdom of justice and righteousness:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Everlasting Father, you call us to live together in unity: protect by your mercy all your children, bless our families and renew our communities, and draw those whose calling and ministry is with families and children into our fellowship:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Prince of Peace, you bring reconciliation through the cross: by your healing power give to all who suffer your gift of wholeness and peace, especially_____:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us commend the world, which Christ will judge, to the mercy and protection of God.

All: Have mercy upon us most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Priest: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and through the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

*Exchange of Peace

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The Holy Communion

Offertory: We Fall Down

We fall down, we lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus, the greatness of mercy and love at the feet of Jesus. And we cry, "Holy, holy, holy," and we cry "Holy, holy, holy," and we cry, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lamb."

***Doxology: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Eucharistic Prayer A

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Priest: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Priest: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Priest: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Priest: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

All: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The priest breaks the consecrated bread and says:

Priest: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Priest: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

[NOTE: All are welcome to receive Communion, whatever your faith tradition. Please receive the bread in the open palm of your hand. Then, either consume the bread and move to a chalice and receive from the chalice by guiding the base of the chalice to your mouth or take the chalice from the chalice minister. Or, you may intinct or dip the bread into the chalice and consume it. The glass chalice contains non-alcoholic wine for those who do not wish to consume alcohol. If you do not wish to receive communion but would like a blessing, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest.]

Communion Song: When I Look Into Your Holiness

When I look into Your holiness, when I gaze into Your loveliness, when all things that surround become shadows in the light of You.

(Refrain:) I worship You, I worship You. The reason I live is to worship You. I worship You, I worship You. The reason I live is to worship You.

When I've found the joy of reaching Your heart, when my will becomes enthralled in Your love, when all things that surround become shadows in the light of You. *(Refrain)*

***Post-Communion Prayer (All):** Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

***Blessing**

***Song of Dismissal: Your Grace Is Enough**

Great is Your faithfulness O God. You wrestle with the sinner's heart. You lead us by still waters into mercy. And nothing can keep us apart.

So remember Your people. Remember Your children. Remember Your promise, O God. Your grace is enough. Your grace is enough. Your grace is enough for me.

Great is Your love and justice God. You use the weak to lead the strong. You lead us in the song of Your salvation. And all Your people sing along.

So remember Your people. Remember Your children. Remember Your promise, O God. Your grace is enough. Your grace is enough. Your grace is enough for me. (2 times)

Your grace is enough. Heaven reaches out to us. Your grace is enough for me. Your grace is enough. I'm covered in Your love. Your grace is enough for me.

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Remember in your prayers:

Larry Kidd (Jr. & Sr.)

The Symphony Retirement Community

John Madden

Carl Burton

Ken Joyner

Sonny Baharloo

Wayne Conners

Linda Eggleston

MJ Weatherford

Bill Morgan and family

Rachel Pisarz

Ken Killian

Joseph Moore

Allie & Jenni Morris

Your Vestry Members are:

Senior Warden: Jack Martin

Other Members: Larry Kidd

Register: Marian Elam

Junior Warden: Richard Walker

Libby Clark

Treasurer: Susan Kidd

Below is the schedule for greeters, lay readers and chalcers. If you have a problem with the dates on this schedule, please let Larry Kidd know as soon as possible and he will try to make adjustments. Otherwise you will need to find a substitute if you are unable to be at church on your assigned date.

<u>Worship Service Date</u>	<u>Scripture Reader</u>	<u>Prayer Reader</u>	<u>Chalcers</u>	<u>Greeters/Ushers</u>
Dec 27	MJ Weatherford	Bobbie LeViness	MJ Weatherford, Marian Elam	Bill Weatherford
Jan 3	Larry Kidd	Richard Walker	Susan Kidd, Richard Walker	John and Libby Clark, Larry Kidd
Jan 10	Bill Weatherford	Bobbie LeViness	Bill Weatherford, Marian Elam	Richard Walker, Larry Kidd
Jan 17	Jack Martin	MJ Weatherford	Jack Martin, MJ Weatherford	Bill Weatherford, Larry Kidd
Jan 24	Richard Walker	Larry Kidd	Richard Walker, Susan Kidd	John and Libby Clark, Larry Kidd
Jan 31	MJ Weatherford	Bill Weatherford	MJ Weatherford, Bill Weatherford	Richard Walker, Larry Kidd
Feb 7	Bobbie LeViness	Jack Martin	Marian Elam, Jack Martin	Bill Weatherford, Larry Kidd

~Announcements~

Upcoming Important Dates:

Sunday, January 3	Worship Service	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, January 6	Color Me FRIENDS	St. Francis	6:30 p.m.
Sunday, January 10	Worship Service followed by Pot Luck	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, January 13	Vestry Meeting	St. Francis	4:00 p.m.
	Theology on Tap	TBA	6:30 p.m.
	Caregivers' Support Group	Walker's Home	7:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 17	Worship Service	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.

Pledge Cards – Pledge cards are located on the credenza in the Narthex. Each card has a return envelope addressed to the St. Francis P.O. Box if that is your preferred way to return it. We ask that if you plan to make a 2016 pledge, that the card be mailed or placed in the offering plate as soon as possible. Thank you for your continued support of St. Francis.

Food Collection for the Goochland Free Clinic and Family Services Food Pantry every Sunday. Please continue to bring non-perishable food to donate. The Food Pantry takes pet food and will accept open bags. Please place your donation in the box provided in the vestibule.

Our Missional Communities:

The Parke will meet for pot luck and worship on January 3, 2016 at the home of Richard and Hedy Walker at 5:30 p.m. Contact Richard at richardandhedy@yahoo.com.

Color Me FRIENDS will meet on January 6, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. Contact Carol Maher at carolsdream@gmail.com.

Caregivers' Support Group will meet on January 13 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Hedy Walker. Contact Hedy at richardandhedy@yahoo.com.

Theology on Tap will meet on January 13 at 6:30 p.m. Contact Richard Walker at richardandhedy@yahoo.com.

Symphony will meet at Symphony Assisted Living on January 24, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. Contact Bobbie LeViness at bobbiedrew@yahoo.com.

Financial Update - If there are any questions about any of this data, please don't hesitate to ask your treasurer, Susan Kidd.

	Operating Funds		Net Gain
	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>or (Loss)</u>
2015			
1st Quarter	\$23,344.99	\$24,228.82	(\$883.83)
2nd Quarter	\$20,771.99	\$23,203.94	(\$2,431.95)
3rd Quarter	\$19,498.99	\$22,456.32	(\$2,957.33)
October	\$7,025.33	\$8,317.11	(\$1,291.78)
November	\$7,646.33	\$7,300.78	\$345.55
December	<u>\$6,839.33</u>	<u>\$3,646.83</u>	<u>\$3,192.50</u>
4th Quarter	<u>\$21,510.99</u>	<u>\$19,264.72</u>	<u>\$2,246.72</u>
2015 Year-To-Date	\$85,126.96	\$89,153.80	(\$4,026.84)
Checking Account Balance	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>	
YTD 2015	\$32,005.82	\$27,978.98	(\$4,026.84)

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