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Sunday Worship

January 3, 2016 – 10:00 AM

Second 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: A Great Light

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. It shines on the ones who lived with death and night.

You have made their gladness greater; You have made their joy increase. They thrive in Your presence and run in your endless peace.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. It shines on the ones who lived with death and night.

You carry all dominion on your shoulders, and it is wide and glorious with no end. Your name is known as Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

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: Better Is One Day

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty, my soul longs and even faints for you. For here my heart is satisfied, within Your presence I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.

(Chorus:) Better is one day in Your courts; Better is one day in Your house; Better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere.

One thing I ask and I would seek, to see Your beauty, to find you in the place Your glory dwells. *(Chorus)*

My heart and flesh cry out, for You the living God. Your spirit's water to my soul. I've tasted and I've seen, come once again to me. I will draw near to You; I will draw near to You. *(Chorus 2 times)*

***All:** O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Reading from Ephesians

(1:3-6, 15-19a)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

***Gradual Song: The Father's Song**

I have heard so many songs, listened to a thousand tongues, but there is one that sounds above them all.

The Father's song, the Father's love. You sung it over me and for eternity it's written on my heart.

(Chorus:) Heaven's perfect melody, the Creator's symphony. You are singing over me, the Father's song. Heaven's perfect mystery. The King of love has sent for me and now you're singing over me, the Father's song.

I have heard so many songs, listened to a thousand tongues, but there is one that sounds above them all.

The Father's song, the Father's love. You sung it over me and for eternity it's written on my heart. *(Chorus)*

It's Heaven's perfect mystery. The king of love has sent for me and now you're singing over, the Father's song.

The Father's song, the Father's love. You sung it over me and for eternity it's written on my heart.

The Father's song, the Father's love. You sung it over me and for eternity it's written on my heart. It's written on my heart. You sing it over me, Father.

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

(2:41-52)

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem every year for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

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: As we join the shepherds and celebrate with joy the birth of Jesus Christ, let us offer prayers to God who shines the light of Christ on all creation.

By the birth of the Jesus Christ in the womb of the Virgin Mary.

All: **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Leader: For our Bishops, Shannon, Susan, and Ted that they would have the strength and wisdom to carry out the apostolic ministry to which they are called, for All Souls, Atlee, and St. Gabriel's, Leesburg, for all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.

All: **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Leader: That those whose calling is to families with children should be added to our fellowship.

All: **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Leader: For all believers to fully put their trust in the incarnate Son of God.

All: **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Leader: For the leaders of the nations and all in authority, for all who work in law enforcement, all EMT's, firefighters and first responders, for all military personnel and veterans, and for peace and justice.

All: **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Leader: For the conversion of the whole human race to our blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

All: **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Leader: For travelers, for the sick and the suffering, for the hungry and the oppressed, for those in prison, and for the dying, especially_____.

All: **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Leader: For Food Lion, Centerville, that business would increase and many families in our community would be served.

All: **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Leader: For racial reconciliation and healing thorough out our region; for an end to all racial prejudice and discrimination, beginning with what is in our own hearts.

All: **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Leader: For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need.

All: **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Leader: Let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

All: **To you, O Lord, our God.**

Priest: Source of light and gladness, accept the prayers we offer on this joyful feast. May the Rising Sun of Christ spread across the world and brighten all humanity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Leader: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

*Exchange of Peace

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

People: And also with you.

The Holy Communion

Offertory: Fill Me Now

Hover over, Holy Spirit. Bathe my trembling heart and brow. Fill me with Your awesome presence. Come, oh come, and fill me now.

(Chorus:) Fill me now, fill me now. Spirit come and fill me now. Fill me now, fill me now. Spirit come and fill me now.

In myself I'm full of weakness. Can You use this life somehow? Cleanse and comfort, heal and teach me. Come, oh come, and fill me now. *(Chorus)*

Just one life I have for living. In Your service send me out. Source of love, of faith and power. Come oh come, and fill me now. *(Chorus 2 times)*

***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 (Sung): Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart, I want to see You, I want to see You; Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart, I want to see You, I want to see You. To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory; Pour out Your power and love as we sing, "Holy, holy, holy."

Holy Holy Holy, Holy Holy Holy, Holy Holy Holy I want to see You (2x)

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: Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; There is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not; As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.

(Refrain:) Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see. All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon and stars in their courses above Join with all nature in manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. *(Refrain)*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *(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: Hope is Here (Joy To The World)**

Joy to the World! the Lord is come; Let earth receive her King. Let every heart prepare Him room;
Heaven and nature singing, "He is our new beginning!" Can you hear? Hope is here! Joy in a baby's birth;
Heaven is flooding earth and God is near, Hope is here!

Joy to the World, the Savior reigns; Let men their songs employ, He comes to make His blessings flow;
Heaven and nature singing, "He is our new beginning!" Can you hear? Hope is here! Joy in a baby's birth;
Heaven is flooding earth and God is near, Hope is here!

And the wonders of His love are on display; That The King would come for us, This changes everything;
Heaven and nature singing, "He is our new beginning!" Can you hear? Hope is here! Joy in a baby's birth;
Heaven is flooding earth and God is near, Hope is here!

Joy to the World, The Lord is Come! Joy to the World.

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>
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:

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 tonight 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	\$8,678.33	\$8,867.19	(\$188.86)
4th Quarter	<u>\$23,349.99</u>	<u>\$24,485.08</u>	<u>(\$1,135.09)</u>
2015 Year-To-Date	\$86,965.96	\$94,374.16	(\$7,408.20)
Checking Account Balance	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>	
YTD 2015	\$32,005.82	\$24,597.62	(\$7,408.20)

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