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Sunday Worship

December 28, 2014 – 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 today. Follow the singing with the words in this bulletin. 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 - Hymn # 93

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 forever. 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 Galatians

(3:23-25, 4:4-7)

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Song: Morning Has Broken

Morning has broken, like the first morning. Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird. Praise for the singing, praise for the morning, praise for the springing fresh from the word.

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven. Like the first dew fall, on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning. Born of the one light, Eden saw play. Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day.

↑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)

↑Leader: Let us stand and 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:

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:

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:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For all baptized persons in their daily life and work:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For Paramount Builders that this busess would thrive and many businesses and families would prosper through the construction provided by this business:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For all baptized persons in their daily life and work:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For All Souls, Atlee, Amilee Wilmer, vicar, and St. Gabriel's, Leesburg, Daniel Velez-Rivera, vicar, that each would have the power of the Holy Spirit to pursue the mission of God:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For families of Metropolitan Richmond: for an end to child abuse: for healthy relationships between children and their caregivers; for families going through divorce; and for all in the midst of life transitions:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us commend the world, to which Christ came, to the mercy and protection of God. **Amen.**

Leader: We pray to You also for the forgiveness of our sins.

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, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life; 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: O Bless The Lord My Soul

O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee proclaim! And all that is within me join to bless his holy Name!
O bless the Lord, my soul! His mercies bear in mind! Forget not all his benefits! The Lord to thee is kind.
He will not always chide; he will with patience wait; his wrath is ever slow to rise and ready to abate.
He pardons all thy sins, prolongs thy feeble breath; he healeth thine infirmities and ransoms thee from death.
He clothes thee with his love, upholds thee with his truth; and like the eagle he renews the vigor of thy youth.
Then bless his holy Name, whose grace hath made thee whole, whose loving-kindness crowns thy days: O bless the Lord, my soul!

↑ **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 B

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

Priest: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

People: We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

Priest: And we offer this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 for any reason. 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: Resting Place

Heaven is My throne and earth is My footstool. Where is the house you will build for Me?
Whom of you will hear the cry of My heart? Where will My resting place be?

Here, oh Lord, have I prepared for You a home, long have I desired for You to dwell.
Here, oh Lord, have I prepared a resting place. Here, oh Lord, I wait for You alone.

↑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 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.

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.

↑Announcements, Prayer Requests, and Dismissal

Priest: Alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Remember in your prayers:

John Maher, Sr.
Richard Carchman

Larry Kidd, Jr.

Linda Eggleston

Your Vestry Members are:

Senior Warden: Jack Martin
Other Members: Larry Kidd

Junior Warden: Bill Weatherford
Richard Walker

Register: Marian Elam

Treasurer: Susan Kidd

Below is the schedule for greeters, lay readers, and chalicers. 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>Chalicers</u>	<u>Greeters/Ushers</u>
28-Dec	Kathy Gammon	Richard Walker	Kathy Gammon, Richard Walker	John and Libby Clark, Larry Kidd
4-Jan	Bill Weatherford	MJ Weatherford	Bill Weatherford, MJ Weatherford	Bill Weatherford, Larry Kidd
11-Jan	Kathy Gammon	Larry Kidd	Kathy Gammon, Susan Kidd	Richard Walker, Larry Kidd
18-Jan	MJ Weatherford	Bill Weatherford	MJ Weatherford, Bill Weatherford	John and Libby Clark, Larry Kidd
25-Jan	Jack Martin	Larry Kidd	Jack Martin, Susan Kidd	Bill Weatherford, Larry Kidd
1-Feb	Bill Weatherford	MJ Weatherford	Susan Kidd, Jack Martin	Richard Walker, Larry Kidd

~Announcements~

Upcoming Important Dates:

Sunday, January 4	Communion Service	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Sunday, January 11	Communion Service followed by Pot Luck Lunch	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, January 14	Vestry Meeting	St. Francis	6:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 18	Communion Service	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.

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

	<u>Operating Funds</u>		<u>Net Gain</u>
	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>or (Loss)</u>
2014			
1st Quarter	\$21,208.00	\$23,425.59	(\$2,217.59)
2nd Quarter	\$22,568.00	\$20,086.30	\$2,481.70
3rd Quarter	\$19,716.50	\$21,206.99	(\$1,490.49)
October	\$7,335.00	\$7,333.04	\$1.96
November	\$7,113.00	\$7,244.44	(\$131.44)
December	<u>\$6,140.00</u>	<u>\$4,276.77</u>	<u>\$1,863.23</u>
4th Quarter	<u>\$20,588.00</u>	<u>\$18,854.25</u>	<u>\$1,733.75</u>
2014 Year-To-Date	\$84,080.50	\$83,573.13	\$570.37
Checking Account Balance	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>	
YTD 2014	\$32,916.73	\$33,424.10	\$507.37

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