

December 27, 2009 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

1st Sunday after Christmas Day

Liturgical Color: White

Preparation for Worship and Announcements

Dr. Mary Lynn Polk, Lay Leader

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adore his sacred name.

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude

A Winter Story

Catherine Rollins

Jackson Nickles & Cullum Smith, piano

***Call to Worship**

Susan Pinckney, Stephen Ministry Coordinator

Leader: Men and women, old and young, together: Praise God and exalt the Author of Life.

People: Praise God in the highest heavens. Praise God, all dwellers in the earth.

Leader: God commanded, and we were created. God sustains us and enables us to grow.

People: Praise God, all who seek to live in faithfulness. Glorify God's name and join the loving community.

Leader: Know that we are chosen by God, holy and beloved. We are called into one body, the church of Jesus Christ.

People: Let us draw close to God and to one another. Let us join with all creation to worship God.

***Hymn No. 250**

Once in Royal David's City

Irby

Invocation

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

Height and breadth, length and depth, the whole universe proclaims your glory, faithful God. Your wisdom fills the universe with possibilities we have not tapped. Your Word comes to us filled with riches we have not mined. Within ourselves is the potential for greatness as yet unrealized, Confront us here with your eternal claim on us that we may become the kind, compassionate, and patient people you intend for us to be. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Page 305 (OT) in pew Bibles

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

Colossians 3:12-17

Page 246 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Duet

The First Noel/Pachelbel's Canon

arr. Michael Clawson

Martha Moore, alto

Larry Moore, baritone

Joyce Nickles & Cullum Smith, piano

Pastoral Prayer

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

Offering

Offertory

A French Carol

setting by Robert Vandall

Joyce Nickles & Cullum Smith, piano

***Doxology No. 238** (refrain only)

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

Gloria

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Children's Message

Lisa Smith

All children are invited to the front of the Sanctuary for a special message. Following Children's Time, 3-year-olds through Kindergarteners may leave the Sanctuary for Extended Session.

***Passing of the Peace**

***Hymn No. 229**

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

W Zlobie Lezy

***Affirmation of Faith No. 881**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Gloria Patri No. 70**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

†*Gospel Lesson

Luke 2:41-52

Page 69 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Inside the Family”

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

***Hymn No. 251**

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Go Tell It On The Mountain

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response 251** (refrain only)

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;

Go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

***Postlude**

†Sermon Text

****Please stand if you are able***

Nursery Provided