



Sunday, January 5, 2025

2nd Sunday of Christmas

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
He was with God in the beginning.

Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God whose name was John.

He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe.

He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him.

He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.

Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me'". Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

- Highland, A Place to be Seen, Known, and Loved -

Greeters: Coralie Werking, Stan Jacobs, Cindy Eidam, Glenda Burross, Tom Stewart, Lois Snyder

Ushers: Grant Schonour, Henry & Wendy Hershey, John Wolfe, Mike Eyster, Gary & Sandy Cross

The white roses recognize and bear witness to the lives and memories of
Nancy Schlegal, Pete Faber, Fay Nye

Gathering in God's Name

Chimes

Prelude

“Czech Drumming Carol”
Rila Hackett, Piano

by Jarrod Radnich

Welcome & Ministry Highlights

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

*Please sign and pass the “Friendship Pad” down the pew.
At the end of the row, pass it back so that we can greet one another by name after the service.*

Minute for Mission

Choral Introit

“Adoration”

by T. Fettke

Call to Worship

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Leader: The Word became flesh and lived among us

People: **And we have seen his glory.**

Leader: The true light that enlightens everyone has come into the world.

People: **Glory to God who has blessed us in Christ.**

All: **Glory to God forever.**

*Opening Hymn #66

We Three Kings of Orient Are

Children's Dismissal to Sunday School

At this time, children 5th grade and under are invited to attend Sunday School. Teachers are stationed at the main doors of the sanctuary and will walk the children to the children's classrooms in the Narthex.

Parents/Guardians may pick up their children after the service in the classroom.

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Holy and Merciful God, we confess that we are a distracted people and forgetful of your love. Sometimes we make selfish choices, hurt each other, and perpetuate injustice in your world. We have sinned against you, each other, and your creation. By the power of your Spirit, forgive, restore, and strengthen us to live in your light and walk in your truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Kyrie Eleison 572

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Leader: Remember that we have redemption through Christ's sacrifice on our behalf. We have forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of God's grace. For God has made known to us in all wisdom and insight the mystery of God's will, "to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth."

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

Please be advised that services are recorded and you may be incidentally captured on video as part of the recording of the service. The back of the right side of the sanctuary as you enter is out of the range of the camera.

A description of the stained Chancel window can be found in the front of the hymnal.

FM sound devices are available. Please ask an usher for your own personal receiver.

Cell Phones should be silenced during the worship service.

Video Recordings of the service can be found on the Highland website at www.HighlandPC.org

In the event of an emergency, please refer to the card in the pew racks for evacuation and re-assembly information.