

Sunday, January 2, 2022

Pre-Service: Prince of Heaven

Welcome

Call to Worship: (with words from Psalm 95: 6&7)

God of power and might, God of grace and mercy,
You chose to become one of us in Jesus Christ, sharing our joys and sorrows,
displaying your greatness in the child of the manger.

During this time of worship, surprise us with your grace once again, that we,
with the whole Church and all of creation, may praise and honour your holy
name.

**Come let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For He is our God and we are the people of his pasture,
the sheep of his care.**

Opening Songs: Good Christian Friends Rejoice
Noel

Prayer of Confession:

Holy God, Author of life and Source of all hope,
We know that the blank slate of a new year seems so promising, and we know
that the blank slate of a new year is also an illusion. Time continues; our lives
flow from one day to the next, from one year to the next.
In this time, we know we are sometimes remarkable and generous, bearing light
to the shadows, and we know we are sometimes full of despair and selfishness,
hoarding light and goodness for ourselves. We seek your presence with us in the
darkness and the light, O God, knowing that you are our Creator, Redeemer and
Sustainer. Through Christ we pray, Amen.

Words of Assurance: John 3:16, 17

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.
For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,
but to save the world through him.

Song: In Christ Alone (chosen by Tyler and Shalynn Tenbrinke and Jordan and
Jessica Folkerts)

Baptism

Song: God Claims You

Children's Blessing

Prayer

Scripture Reading: Ezra 1:1-11

Sermon: Return of the Exiles

Response: Oh Give Thanks to the Lord

Prayers of the People

Communion

Song of Praise: Build Your Kingdom Here

God's Parting Blessing

Parting Song:

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Offerings at the door:

1. Woody Nook Ministries
2. Mustard Seed - Red Deer