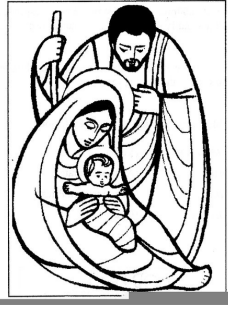


First Sunday after Christmas Day

Sunday, January 1, 2023

HOLY NAME OF JESUS SUNDAY

THEME: Hope - Persistent and Essential



“It was no messenger or angel that saved them, but God’s very presence redeeming them; in love and mercy carrying them all their days.” Isaiah 63:9

GATHERING

Prelude:

“Carol of the Bells”

Lyndel Leatherman

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

Call to Worship Psalm 8

Leader: O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

People: Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark to silence the enemy and the avenger.

Leader: When we look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established,

People: What are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

Leader: Yet, You made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

People: You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet.

Leader: All sheep and oxen, beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

People: O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

*Hymn: #143 “Angels from the Realms of Glory” (see download)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Our God, architect of this world and all others, You entered time in a common, ordinary human way, yet within the arc of an incredibly divine story. Woven through the pages of history is the telling and retelling of this story, the naming of names, and the identification of the players in the cast. We offer thanks that the drama continues to play. Lead us to seek its unfolding meaning and significance as did Wise Men long ago. As ones soon to be remembered for their own seeking, remind us that the birth of Jesus is meant for those in all lands near and far, for the believing and the skeptical, for those strong in faith as well as those who are weak, for the rich as for the poor alike. We thank You that love came down at Christmas. Lifting up the Holy Name of Jesus, we pray, AMEN

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Scripture: Galatians 4:4-7 and Philippians 2:5-11

Sermon: **“Ordinary Name, Extraordinary Child”**

#149 “All Hail to God’s Anointed” (Sung to the tune of #321). (see download)

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment

Generous God, as we bring our gifts to You this day, we acknowledge we have been given so much by Your goodness. In this new year, help us live in a new way, to walk a new highway, to set ourselves on the path that leads to a closer walk with You. Through the common name of Jesus, yet the name that is above all names, we pray, AMEN.

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: #134 "Joy to the World, the Lord Is Come" (see download)

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" arr. Robert Thygerson

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

Prayers of the Congregation

Prayer Person this week: **Lori A. Smith**

The Sanctuary Flowers are in Loving Memory of Ralph & Janice Homsher
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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Christmas Joy Offering envelopes are in the pews.

Next Sunday, **January 8** will be our first **Sunday School** of the new year.

My Gratitude to the Leacock congregation:

Here at Christmas I am greatly humbled to have received an outpouring of your love through the generous love gift provided by so many of you. Your cards and good wishes along with holiday goodies have likewise been a special treat. As I serve among you, I cherish your support and can only say 'Thank You' many times over.
Your pastor, Jim

Leacock Presbyterian Church

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