



And the Word became flesh and dwelt among  
us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the  
only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

**JOHN 1:14**

# SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMASTIDE

January 4, 2026

## GATHERING

**PRAYER FOR MEDITATION:** *Giving God, you have adopted us as your children, sisters and brothers of your beloved, Jesus Christ. Empower us to be holy and blameless witnesses to your glorious reign of peace and love now come into this world. Amen.*

## RINGING OF THE CHIMES

### OPENING SENTENCES *(John 1:14,16)*

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

One: The Word became flesh and lived among us,

**ALL:** *and we have seen his glory,*

One: full of grace and truth.

**ALL:** *We have received grace upon grace.*

### WELCOME *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

### PRELUDE

*'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime*

arr. Paul Manz

Stan Brunner

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Elder David Greene*

One: Grace to you and peace in this new year.

**ALL:** *We will bless God who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing.*

One: In Christ we have obtained an inheritance.

**ALL:** *We have been redeemed as God's own people. Praise be to God!*

One: Let us pray. Light of God, illumine the path that leads us to healing, hope, and salvation. Glory of God, fill this sanctuary and expose the darkness that stalks our souls. Light of God, shine with such brightness that we marvel in awe.

**ALL:** *Glory of God, fill each temple of the Holy Spirit present today.*

One: Light of God, Glory of God, we welcome you in this place.

**ALL:** *Amen.*

### \*HYMN: 12 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

ST. DENIO

## PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

### CALL TO CONFESSION

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

"If we say we have no sin, the truth is not in us." And yet, we know that we need to begin again for we have fallen short of the glory of God. So, we come seeking a fresh start. With confidence that God hears our prayers and has adopted us as beloved children, let us confess our sins.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Courtney Bowen

*All-glorious God, we have faith in Jesus Christ, and love towards your people, yet we are not without blemish in your sight, not full of love, wisdom, and other spiritual blessings you still have available for us. Our love is not as inclusive as yours, and there is much we need to learn. Give us clearer vision of all that we are meant to be, so that by becoming fulfilled, we may increase the glory that is properly revealed in Jesus Christ, your beloved. Amen.*

## SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

### \*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (*Ephesians 1:3,7*)

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: Friends, hear the good news of your salvation: God freely bestows God's grace on us through Jesus Christ.

**ALL:** *In Christ we receive redemption and forgiveness of our trespasses according to the riches of the grace that God lavishes on us.*

One: So be reconciled to God and one another.

**ALL:** *Thanks be to God. Amen.*

### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (*Great is Thy Faithfulness, GtG #39*)

*Great is thy faithfulness!*

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*Morning by morning, new mercies I see.*

*All I have needed thy hand hath provided.*

*Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

**ALL:** *And, also, with you.*

## THE WORD

### TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Anna Poole

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Courtney Bowen

### \*HYMN: 667 *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

LAUDES DOMINI

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder David Greene

### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: *Ephesians 1:3-14* (page 192)

Elder David Greene

One: This is the word of God for the people of God. **ALL:** *Thanks be to God.*

### SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: *John 1:1-6, 10-16* (page 91-92)

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: This is the word of God for the people of God. The grass withers and the flower fades, but the word of the Lord endures forever. **ALL:** *Thanks be to God.*

RESPONSE

**\*AFFIRMATION of FAITH** *from Colossians 1:15-20*

*Elder David Greene*

***Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.***

*(At this time, please find the red friendship pad located toward the center aisle on each pew, sign it, pass it down your row and back again, taking note of those who worship with you.)*

**OFFERING**

*Elder David Greene*

**OFFERTORY**

***Swiss Noel, with Variation***

Louis Claude Daquin

Stan Brunner

\*Doxology (Tune: 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

***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.***

\*Dedicatory Prayer

*Elder David Greene*

SENDING

**\*HYMN: 744** *Arise, Your Light is Come!*

FESTAL SONG

**\*CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

**POSTLUDE**

***Joy to the World! The Lord is Come***

arr. Anna Laura Page

Stan Brunner