

12/27/2020

Sunday: Christmas 1, Year B

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP:

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights!

**All the shining stars praise you, O God, for you commanded and they were created.**

Praise the Lord from the earth, young men and women alike, old and young together!

**Let everyone praise the name of the Lord, for your glory is above earth and heaven.**

Let us worship God!

### PRAYER OF ADORATION:

**Eternal God of the covenant, you have clothed your people with the garments of salvation, and covered them with the robe of righteousness. We praise your name for your work of redemption, sending us Jesus as the promise of peace. Hear our rejoicing as we sing hymns of thanksgiving; hear our prayers as we give voice to our inmost thoughts. Fill us with the presence of your living Spirit, and give us wisdom to live in the light of your gifts. Amen.**

HYMN: I Dance in the Morning (157)

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**God of compassion, have mercy upon us as we make our confession. The year is soon spent. What we ought to have done still awaits action, while we commit acts not in accord with your will. We think of ourselves before others; we serve our own needs. We keep for ourselves the gifts of your graciousness. The new life you offer is not yet proclaimed in the land. Forgive us our sins and make us more faithful. Help us to use our time wisely as we follow Christ's way. Amen.**

## SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Hear Paul's words of assurance: "If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him . . . The death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus." In Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: Pour out your Holy Spirit, O God, and prepare our hearts to accept your word. Silence in us any voice but your own, that, hearing, we may also obey your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PASSING THE PEACE (*honking horns, waving*)

GLORIA PATRI

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:22-40

PRE-SERMON PRAYER

SERMON: Golden Opportunities

POST-SERMON PRAYER

HYMN: Mary and Joseph Came to the Temple (148)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

Apostle's Creed

**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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into Hell. On the third day, he rose again from the dead, he ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

**MISSION STATEMENT: Our mission is to proclaim and demonstrate the inclusiveness of God's Love to the people of the Ozarks and the needy of the world.**

DOXOLOGY

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

HYMN: Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace (545)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

TRIPLE "AMEN" (601)

POSTLUDE