

Second Sunday of Christmas
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SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome	Rev. Chris Michael
Bringing of the Light	
Bell of Mindfulness	
(Please use this time for quiet reflection.)	

Prelude
Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

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"Dona Nobis Pacem"
Traditional Latin Chant
Arr. Christine Sullivan Robbins

Call to Worship

Hampton Gaddis

One: On this day, we remember the gift of God's Word,

All: who gathers us together from the farthest parts of the world to worship in joy and hope.

One: On this day, we remember the simple graces of the bread and the cup,

All: those plain gifts shaped by God's love into nourishing hope.

One: On this day, we remember the gifts of water and oil,

All: cleansing us in the baptismal pools, anointing us as God's children.

***Hymn # 173**

"As with Gladness"

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer
(using "debts" and "debtors")

First Scripture Reading Hampton Gaddis
Matthew 2:13-15

One: The Word of God for the people of God
All: Thanks be to God.

Children's Blessing Rev. Chris Michael
Children ages 3 through 2nd grade are invited forward for a blessing,
then will be escorted to Worship and Wonder
(located at the end of the first floor education wing)

Pastoral Prayer

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Choir Anthem

“We Three Kings Suite”
Phillip Mitchell

Rev. Chris Michael

Second Scripture Reading Rev. Chris Michael

Matthew 2:16-23

One: The Word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Chris Michael

"Dreams and Nightmares"

Invitation to Discipleship
***Hymn # 174**
“Brightest and Best” (vs. 1 & 4)

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering	Rev. Chris Michael
Offertory	Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano
"Ring Out, Wild Bells"	
Crawford Gates	
Arr. Anne Britt	

*Doxology and Presentation of Gifts (Page 46)
*Dedication Prayer

RENEWING THE COVENANT IN THE LORD'S SUPPER

*We are one in Christ, let everyone share in this communion
without regard for denominational affiliation.*

You are invited to take the cup and bread after your prayers.

Invitation to Communion
Words of Institution
Prayer of Thanksgiving

Aloma Dew & Anne Carlisle

Communion Music

Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"
Plainsong, 13th c.
Arr. Molly Ijames

GOING IN PEACE TO LOVE AND TO SERVE

*Benediction Rev. Chris Michael
One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

*Please stand if you are able.

Scripture Reading

First Reading - Matthew 2:13-15

¹³ Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him."

¹⁴ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt ¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

Second Reading- Matthew 2:16-23

¹⁶ When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the magi. ¹⁷ Then what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

¹⁸ "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled,
because they are no more."

¹⁹ When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ²⁰ “Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.” ²¹ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. ²² But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. ²³ There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He will be called a Nazarene.”