

We welcome you to worship with us
January 4, 2026~Second Sunday of Christmas

Prelude

The Light of Christ Enters

Worship Leader

Welcome and Passing the Peace

Opening Song *Angels We Have Heard on High*

Wayne Mock

Tracy Tennies

UMH 238

Prayer Song

It's me, it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer (repeat)

Prayers and Where We See God

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn of Preparation *Away in a Manger*

UMH 217

Sermon *The ABCs of Christmas "A - O"*

Rev. John McLaughlin

Offertory

Arr. Wayne Mock

Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above, you heavenly host
Creator, Christ and Spirit one. Amen*

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. John McLaughlin

Holy Communion

Rev. John McLaughlin

Sermon *The ABCs of Christmas "P - Z"*

UMH 219

Closing Song *What Child Is This?*

Tracy Tennies

Opportunities to Serve

Song for Going Forth *The Lord Bless and Keep You*

TFWS 2280

Sending Forth & Benediction

Rev. John McLaughlin

The Light of Christ Goes into the World

Postlude

Wayne Mock

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Changing for 2026!! EMERGENCY FOOD BANK FARMERS' MARKET IS THE 2nd FRIDAY MONTHLY! Holy Cross Patio, Bring your own bags, 11:00 am-12:00 pm

WE ARE COLLECTING PLASTIC AND PAPER GROCERY BAGS FOR THE FARMER'S MARKET PASS OUT! Look for collection bin in the Social Hall.

The Discipline Devotional books for 2026 from the Upper Room will be available soon. The cost for regular print is \$18; the cost for large print is \$19. If you would like a copy please contact Tracy at 209-327-7072.

There will be a congregational workshop for the morning service on **Saturday, January 10th from 12:00 – 3:30pm**. Lunch will be provided. Our District Superintendent, Mary Maaga, has offered to lead this workshop as a result of our congregational meeting on Sunday, November 2nd for us to have meaningful conversations and explore a variety of possibilities of what could be offered through the morning worship service. Please save this date and plan to join us as we discern where God is leading us.

MERCY PEDALERS DONATIONS!

We need donations of: Bottled water, treats or cookies – store bought or homemade Instant oatmeal, fresh or canned fruit, Cup-a-soups, Granola or snack bars, dog food or treats wet wipes, Leftover party food, Hygiene items: travel size soaps, toothpaste, shampoo, etc. Men's and women's summer t-shirts and pants, socks, caps, blankets, sleeping bags

Thank you to Rev. John McLaughlin (retired from Holy Cross in 2018) for sharing his word with us today.

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