

We welcome you to worship with us
December 28, 2025 First Sunday After Christmas

The Light of Christ Enters

Worship Leader Ed McKenzie

Welcome and Passing the Peace

Return to seats singing: *O Come Let Us Adore Him*

Call to Worship Psalm 148

Opening Song *All Creatures of Our God and King* UMH 62

Young People’s Moment Rev. Heilala Ahio

*Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay close by me forever, and love me, I pray
Bless all the dear children in your tender care. Prepare us for heaven to live with you there.*

Prayers and Where We See God

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*

Hymn of Preparation *What Child Is This?* UMH 219

SCRIPTURE READING, Matthew 2:13-23 pp 1170-1171 in the pew Bible

Response: Worship Leader: *The Word of God for the people of God*
All: Thanks be to God

Sermon Rev. Heilala Ahio

Hymn of Purpose *In the Bleak Midwinter, vss 1,2,4* UMH 221

Opportunities to Serve Tracy Tennies

Song for Going Forth *The Lord Bless and Keep You* TFWS 2280

Benediction

The Light of Christ Goes into the World

Postlude Wayne Mock

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A memorial service for Jim Morgali will be held at Holy Cross UMC on Saturday, January 3rd at 1 pm. All are welcome!

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

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