



Second Sunday After Christmas

11 a.m. | January 2, 2022

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church | Iowa City, Iowa

Thought for Reflection

“There is nothing so secular that it cannot be sacred,
and that is one of the deepest messages of the Incarnation.”

— Madeleine L'Engle

Opening Prayer |

Gathering Music | “It’s a Wonderful World”

Welcome + Announcements |

Prelude | “In the Bleak Midwinter”

✕ Call to Gather |

God with us,

kindle your spark within us,

that together we may shine forth your light,

that we might banish the shadows of this world,

that we might be the continuation of the Christmas miracle:

Emmanuel is in our world,

God is with us, now and forevermore.

✕ Gathering Hymn | “Joy to the World,” pg. 5 (*hymnal*, #92)

✕ Prayer of Confession and Promise of Ever-Present Grace |

Why do we huddle in the shadowed corners of life,
rather than running to the Light of life?

Why do we love the wrong we do
rather than grasping the good news offered to us?

As we struggle with such questions,
let us speak to God of all we have failed to do,
seeking hope and grace as we pray together,

**We search for your light, Star Caster,
but too often end up settling for the dimness of temptation.
Our motives for seeking to find Christ are not always pure,
for we expect him to fulfill our desires, rather than your hopes for us.
We want the gifts of wealth, health, success, fulfillment,
rather than those of servanthood, of compassion, of peace.
Forgive us, Shaper of our lives,**

Hymns + Songs | Pages listed for printed bulletin or *Lift Up Your Hearts* (red hymnal)

Bold Print | Speak or sing together in unison.

✕ *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

that we are so foolish to put our needs ahead of your grace.
Help us to be like those wise people of so long ago, who found hope,
instead of a destination;
who found grace, instead of gratitude;
who found salvation, instead of a sign.
As we journey with your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,
fill us with the light of your joy and love.

Silence is kept

Arise, and give thanks!
Grace has been poured into our hearts,
love has flooded our souls, the light of hope shines in us.
**This is the light which has come to all,
the light we will carry and give to everyone we meet. AMEN**

Musical Response | “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

✕ **Sharing of Christ’s Peace & Compassion** |

And now, as a visible sign of what it means to live together
in the care and the context of Christ’s community,
let us extend Christ’s peace and compassion to those around us!
The peace of Christ be with you all!
And also, with you.

First Reading | **Psalm 147:12-20** (*Bible*, 507)

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God**

Time for Young Disciples |

Hymn | “What Child is This?” pg. 6 (*hymnal*, #95)

Gospel Reading | John 1:1-14 (*Bible*, 862)

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Prayer of Invocation |

The Prompting | Rev. W. Robert Martin, III

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Worship in Tithes and Offerings |
Invitation |
Offertory | “You Raise Me Up”

Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer |
Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

✕ **Sending Hymn | “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee,”** pg. 7 (*hymnal*, #581)

✕ **Benediction (The Good Word) |**
Go forth to spread the Good News wherever you go,
sharing God’s love and promise with all whom you meet.
Go into the world to find the lost,
heal the broken,
feed the hungry,
release the prisoner,
rebuild the nations,
bring peace among people,
and make music in every heart. **AMEN**

Postlude | “What Child Is This”

Today’s Worship Participants

Rev. W. Robert Martin III, *lead pastor*
Christopher Stephens, *worship lay leader*
Mary Jane Knight, *interim director of music ministries*
Dick Watson Trio: Dick Watson, *piano*; Gary Palmer, *bass*, Craig Wood, *drums*
Kristen DeGrazia, *vocals*

The Flowers on the Chancel are given by Linda and Gene Schuchert in celebration of the 28th wedding anniversary of Jason and Rebecca Schuchert on Jan. 1.

Joy to the World

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PSALM 98

D A7 D G A

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re - ceive her
 2 Joy to the earth! the Sav - ior reigns: let all their songs em -
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in - fest the
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions

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King. Let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and
 ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains re -
 ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far
 prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness and

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heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
and heaven and na - ture sing,

D D/A A7 D

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,

What Child Is This

Em G D Em Am B

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing?
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, pea - sant, king, to own him.

Em G D Em B Esus Em

Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
 Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

Bm G D Em Am B

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
 Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
 Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;

Bm G D Em B Esus Em

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
 hail, hail for Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
 joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y.

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

G D7 G D

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re-lect thy rays;
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

G C Am G D7 G

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, open - ing to the sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!

D G D G D7 B Em A D

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way;
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flower - y mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ, our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;

G C Am G D G

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day!
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine.

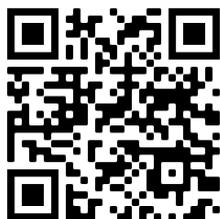
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