

First Sunday of Christmas

December 30, 2018

Color: White

Christmas opens the door to the season called Epiphany. It begins on January 6 and ends on March 3. Today we see the fulfillment of all the prophecies that have come true in Jesus, God's own Son.

PRELUDE: Come and enter the presence of God and prepare yourself for worship. Join us in enjoying God's presence as Martha Dienst and our worship team lead us in songs of praise.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Processional and Illumination

 **OPENING SONG OF WORSHIP:** *Joy to the World*

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsively)

Leader: Through the birth of Christ ...


All: God stands with us.

Leader: Through the raising of Christ by Mary and Joseph ...

All: God shows faith in us.

Leader: We are all family in Christ, and with Christ.

All: Thanks be to God, for this amazing news!

 **SONGS OF WORSHIP:** *Jesus, What A Beautiful Name;*
Jesus, Name Above All Names

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

Pastor Cal

OUR GIFTS TO GOD ARE CALLED FORTH


Invitation

Offerings to God

Offertory: ***"Hark The Herald Angel Sing"***

Hymn # 240

 **Doxology # 95**

 **Prayer of Dedication**

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

HYMN OF MEDITATION: *The First Noel*

Hymn # 245

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER (trespasses)

Pastor: The Lord is with you.

Congregation: And also with you

Pastor: Lord have mercy.

Congregation: Christ have mercy.

Pastor: Let us pray.

SCRIPTURE

Old Testament Lesson: **Isaiah 41:8-10**

Pew Bible 621

New Testament Lesson: **Hebrews 2:10-18**

Pew Bible 1045

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.


 **GLORIA PATRI:**

Hymn # 71

ADVENT SERIES: Hope is on the Way

TODAY'S MEDITATION: *We Are Family*

Pastor Cal

 **CLOSING HYMN:** *Good Christian Friends Rejoice*

Hymn # 224

The Recessional

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

 **All who are able, please stand!**

Thank you for not bringing food or beverage, except water, into the Sanctuary as well as turning off your cell phone during the service ☺

Thank you to everyone who made this Christmas so very special for the United Parish! May God continue to Bless Us in the New Year!

Thank You to this weeks Volunteer Worship Leaders!

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Greeters: MARK & DENISE
PRICE

Ushers: WAYNE & JANE CRESPO
Co-leader: ROBERT DUVAL

January 6, 2018

Greeters: ROBERT DUVAL &
CHERI COMER

Ushers: SCOTT & HEATHER
NASIATKA

Co-leader: MARVIN BERNSTEIN

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Offering for the week of December 23, 2018

General \$2,418.50 Missions \$88.50 Loose Offering \$554.00 Christmas
Offering \$50.00

Total \$3,111.00 Thank you for giving & God Bless!

Offering for the week of December 24, 2018

General \$.00 Missions \$.00 Loose Offering \$.00

Total \$.00 Thank you for giving & God Bless!



MAY GOD BLESS YOU IN THE NEW YEAR!