

First Congregational Church
Our Church in Worship

December 30, 2018 10:00 AM

First Sunday After Christmas

PRELUDE *In Dulci Jubilo* – J. S. Bach Adam Peithmann

WELCOME Rev. Kevin Pleas

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF SILENCE

RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

LEADER: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.

PEOPLE: **See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples,**

LEADER: But the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you.

PEOPLE: **Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.**

*OPENING HYMN NO. 150 *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

OPENING PRAYER (UNISON)

Almighty Lord God, you gave your Son, Jesus Christ, to be the light of the world: We praise and magnify your holy name that in him you have revealed the wonder of your saving love to all people. With those of old who brought their tribute to his feet, confessing him as King of heaven and earth, we now present the worship of our grateful hearts, asking you to give us grace to give ourselves to you, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

A SERVICE OF BAPTISM

Raelynn Dorothy Harwood – Born December 7th, 2017

Parents: Krystina & Joshua Harwood

Godparents: Anatasia Hewitt & Corey McGonagle

WELCOME AND ADDRESS

PROMISES OF COVENANT

BAPTISMAL PRAYER

ACT OF BAPTISM

WELCOME OF THE CONGREGATION

We receive Raelynn Dorothy as a newly baptized person in Christ and welcome her into the family of faith. We enfold her in our love, seeking together to grow in unity of spirit and abundance of life in Christ. We join together with joy to proclaim the gospel of grace, so that, through our words and deeds, God's love might be made known in all corners of the world.

QUILT PRESENTATION

PRAYER FOR THE BAPTIZED

BENEDICTION

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

Barbara Papagian

LEADER: God, in your mercy

PEOPLE: **Hear our prayer**

SILENT MEDITATION

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

OUR MORNING OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*DOXOLOGY – To the tune of “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

For every benefit, we praise you, God. For every gift received and for each gift we are blessed in giving. For all your goodness, we give thanks to you: the providence which made and nourishes life, the presence which brings meaning in divine and human love, and the promise that gives hope for each new moment. Out of faith and into hope we are led by your love, and for these graces we return our thanks, through the mercies of Jesus Christ. Amen.

HYMN SING

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Philippians 2:5-11

Craig Finefrock

CONVERSATION SERMON

Rev. Kevin Pleas

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 167

Go, Tell it on the Mountain

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Carillon – Louis Vierne

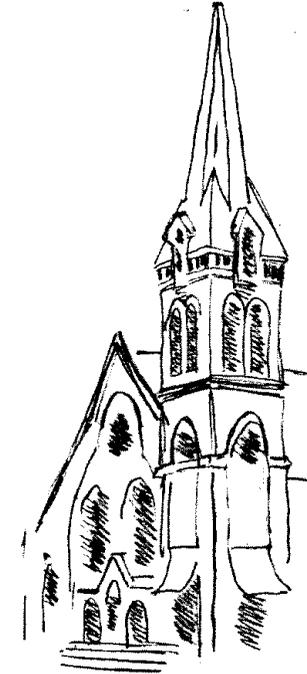
*You are invited to stand if you wish.

SCRIPTURE READING: Philippians 2:5-11 (New Revised Standard Version)

Pew Bible: New Testament page 182

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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An Open & Affirming Congregation