



SUN 8:15 AM
DECEMBER 29, 2024

Worship Service for THE LORD'S DAY
FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

FOX CHAPEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome to Worship

Words printed in **bold** are for the congregation to speak in unison.

* An invitation to rise in body or spirit.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND INVITATIONS

Rev. Rebecca DePoe

CALL TO WORSHIP

Nikki Rosswog

Praise the Lord! Let the heavens declare God's glory,
the sun, the moon, and the shining stars—all creation sings God's praise!

**Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!
From the highest mountains to the deepest seas, we join our voices with all that is.
Praise the Lord!**

Praise the Lord, you angels and all heavenly hosts, praise the Lord, you sun and moon!
Praise the Lord, all you shining stars! Praise the Lord, you waters above the skies!

**Let all creation, from the earth to the heavens, echo the glory of our Creator!
Praise the Lord, all you creatures, all you peoples, everywhere!**

*HYMN 145

What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

INVITATION TO SILENT PRAYER AND CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You have called us to be your chosen people, holy and dearly loved. But we confess that we have not always lived up to this calling. We have failed to clothe ourselves in compassion, choosing judgment over mercy, and pride over humility. We have not shown kindness to those who need it most, and we have been quick to anger rather than slow to patience. Forgive us, O Lord. Clothe us again in your compassion and mercy. Teach us to bear with one another and forgive, as you have forgiven us in Christ. Fill our hearts with your peace, and let your word dwell richly within us, that we may sing with gratitude in our hearts, and live out the love of Christ in all that we do. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, we are forgiven in Christ. God clothes us with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

All are invited to exchange signs of reconciliation and peace with others.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 148 (OT, pg. 582)

Luke 2:41-52 (NT, pg. 59)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

OFFERING

Please complete a connect card and place it in the offering plate.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

This is Christ's table, and all who seek to follow Christ are welcome at this table, regardless of their age or understanding. Parents are encouraged to bring their children to participate in the sacrament. The opportunity to eat and drink with Christ is not a right bestowed upon the worthy but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

God of mercy and grace,...

Singing the song of your unending praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Freely giving God,...

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

God of creation and covenant...

One God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for evermore.. **Amen.**

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.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

Today we will receive communion by intinction. Starting with the front row, come forward by the middle aisle with open hands. Receive a piece of bread, dip it into the juice, and eat. Gluten-free sealed elements are available on the table.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE**

Participants Today

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