



THE COMMUNITY OF ST. PHILIP  
AT WORSHIP

DECEMBER 29, 2019

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

**Preparation for Worship**

*God of glory,  
your splendor shines from a manger in Bethlehem,  
where the Light of the world is humbly born  
into the darkness of human night.  
Open our eyes to Christ's presence in the shadows of our world,  
so that we, like him, may become beacons of your justice,  
and defenders of all for whom there is no room. Amen.*

**Tolling of the Hour**

**Greeting**

*Please sign and pass the friendship folder.*

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

**Voluntary**

Prelude on *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Gordon Phillips  
(1908-1991)

✦ **Call to Worship**

✦ **Hymn 128**

*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

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✦ **Prayer of Confession**

**God of wonder,  
you surround us with signs of your glory  
and surprise us with your presence,  
yet we often miss the marvels you place before us.  
Forgive our dullness and make us alert  
to the ways you make yourself known,  
that we might be witnesses to your good news  
and proclaim your extravagant love;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior.**

*(silent prayer)*

Holy One, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

✦ **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Believe the Good News. **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

✦ **Hymn 132**

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

IN DULCI JUBILO

✦ **The Peace**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

*Signs of peace and reconciliation may be exchanged.*

**Conversation with Children**

*Afterwards, children may stay with their parents, or ages 1-4 may go to  
child care in Room 106.*

**Prayer for Illumination**

**First Reading**

Psalm 148

O.T. pgs. 582-583

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn 146**

*Gentle Mary Laid Her Child*

TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

**Gospel Reading**

Matthew 2:13-23

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The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Christmas Calculations

John W. Wurster

✦ **Hymn 119**

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

MENDELSSOHN

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## 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.

**Offering**      *Gifts may be given anytime at [www.saintphilip.net](http://www.saintphilip.net)  
or text "SPPC" to 73256 and follow the prompts.*

**Offertory**      Prelude on *Whence is that goodly fragrance?*      Harrison Oxley  
(1933-2009)

✦ **Hymn 145**      *What Child Is This*      GREENSLEEVES

✦ **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

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

Loving God,  
we give you thanks for Jesus Christ,  
the Word made flesh.

**Clothe us with compassion, kindness, humility,  
meekness, and patience,  
that we might extend Christ's love to others. Amen.**

✦ **Hymn 136**      *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*      GO TELL IT

✦ **Charge and Blessing**

*Kindly remain in silence during the closing voluntary, or depart very quietly.*

✦ **Closing Voluntary**      Fanfare on ANTIOCH      Gerre Hancock  
(Joy to the World)      (1934-2012)

✦Indicates worshipers are invited to stand in either body or spirit.  
**Words in bold type** are to be read or sung together.

 **SERVING TODAY****CHANCEL GUILD**

Maggie Dement

**MUSICIAN**

Joe Russell, Organist

**GREETERS**Peacemaking & Social Justice  
Committee Members**PASTORS**

John W. Wurster

Keatan King

Omar Rouchon

 **FLOWERS**

The flowers are given today by Jim and Penny Larkin to the glory of God and in celebration of the new year.

 **WORSHIP NOTES**

Today's readings from the Revised Common Lectionary are:

Isaiah 63:7–9—*The people were saved not by an angel, but the Lord's presence.*

Psalms 148—*Let everything in the whole creation praise the name of the Lord.*

Hebrews 2:10–18—*Jesus calls us brothers and sisters; he became human to save us.*

Matthew 2:13–23—*Joseph and Mary flee to Egypt to escape persecution from Herod.*

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