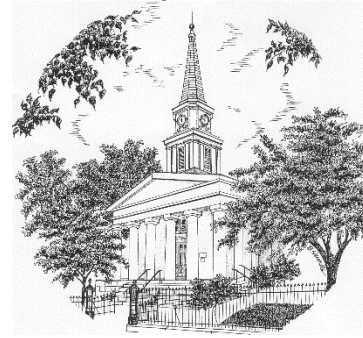


**Thank you** to our worship team - Maggie Irby (moderator), Skip Hess (soundboard), and Kevin Burke, Christine Drake, and Liz Shupe (usher team).

**Today** we ordain and install the elder class of 2024. Debbie Pollard and Philip Blackburn will be ordained and installed. Kaitlin Smith, Mary Ellena Ward, Tom Goodale and Neely Young will be installed. Please keep them in your prayers as they lead LPC for the next three years.



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**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
**2 January 2022**  
**11:00AM**

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## GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

*\*Please stand in body or in spirit*

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

True light is entering our world through Jesus Christ.

Sing for joy and praise God, all people.

***God's Word makes the winds blow and water flow.***

***Jesus Christ is God's Word to us and for us.***

Receive the Word, and believe the good news.

Know you are children of God, born of the Spirit.

***The Word became flesh to dwell with humanity.***

***Grace and forgiveness are lavished upon us.***

Let us worship God!

OPENING PRAYER

\*OPENING HYMN 143

*Angels from the Realms of Glory*

A TIME OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

***O God, look upon your finite creatures, broken and bereaved, with compassion and consolation. We view your world with unseeing***

**eyes. We listen to the cries of your hurting people with ears that do not hear and hearts that do not feel their plight. We do not discern your Spirit. You offer wisdom and insight, but we reject your counsel. You present to us the gospel of salvation, but we turn away from its saving grace. O God, help us change the direction of our lives so we may act like your children and reflect your love into the world. Amen.**

Silent Confession  
Assurance of Pardon  
\*Hymn 447

*We Are Forgiven*

***We are forgiven, we are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God, thanks be to God.*** (Repeat)

#### HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING     Jeremiah 31:7-14

A TIME WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE

NEW TESTAMENT READING     John 1:1-18

SERMON                             *How Do We Welcome Jesus?*     Rev. Tom Groome

\*HYMN OF REFLECTION 110                                     *Love Has Come*

#### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

PRAYER OF PEOPLE & 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.***

#### THE BLESSING OF OUR OFFERINGS

Opening Words  
Handbell Solo                     *Silent Night, Holy Night*                     arr. Cathy Moklbust  
\*Hymn 606   *The Doxology*

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God, all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

\*Prayer of Dedication

#### SENDING

\*CLOSING HYMN 132   *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

\*BLESSING IN WORD

\*RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE                     *O Word Made Flesh and Come to Dwell, v. 1*

***O Word made flesh and come to dwell, Here in our midst, Emmanuel!  
Now be that Word to us anew, To challenge, comfort, and review  
Our every word and thought and deed For ours or for all others' need.***

#### POSTLUDE

**Thank you** to our guest keyboardist, Laura de Maria, and our handbell soloist, Mayumi Smitka.