

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas

January 4, 2026

Worship 10:30 AM

*Gather*

Prelude

“ 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime”

Paul Manz

Welcome and Announcements

*Praise*

Prepare for Call to Worship

**\*\*Call to Worship**

Leader: We have celebrated the birth of Jesus, but how shall we know him when he comes?

**People: How shall we greet and respond to the Promised One?**

Leader: We who knelt in the stable—

**People: Let us come and kneel in the temple!**

Leader: Let our hearts give thanks, and our hands rejoice!

**People: Let our spirits sing, and our bodies dance!**

Leader: O children, come home for Christmas and enter the house of the Lord!

**People: We will enter God's presence, and rejoice!**

All: Amen.

**\*\*Hymn (#113)**

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

GLORIA

Lighting of the Christ Candle — Praise (Psalm 96.1-4)

Pastor: In preparation for Coming Home for Christmas, we have received God's gifts of hope, love, joy, and peace. Today, we again light the final candle, for Jesus, the Light of the World, who has made a home in our lives and our world.

Leader: Our season of waiting is over, and the Savior of the world is here!

As we light the Christ Candle, may we sing to the Lord a new song, for great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.

**People: God is worthy of our praise, this day and every day;  
together, we will worship Emmanuel – God with Us!**

Response (#134 - 1st verse)

“Joy to the World”

ANTIOCH

## *Prepare*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Yearning

**You came as a baby into our world; forgive us for ignoring the children who are hungry and lost around us. You became weak for our sake; forgive us when we think power and control are the best ways to live. You became poor to serve the world; forgive us for our obsession with wealth, security and material goods. Yet, rather than becoming frustrated with us, Joy of Christmas, you continue to forgive us. Clothe us with your love, we pray, so we might be more compassionate towards others. Touch us with your grace, so we might become more gentle people. Fill us with that peace which longs to reside in our hearts, even as we seek to continue our journey with the Child of Bethlehem, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

**\*\*Congregational Response    “Christ Be Our Light”    (Hymn #314)**

**Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.**

**Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.**

**\*\*Passing the Peace**

The hope, peace, joy, and love of Christmas be with you all! *And also with you.*

## *Listen*

Children’s Message

Special Music

"He Is Born" (“*Il Est Né*”)

18<sup>th</sup> Cent. French Carol

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Lesson

*1 Samuel 2:18-20,26*

Christmas Reflection Video

“First Noel”

Gospel Reading

*Luke 2:41-52*

NRSV Updated Edition

Sermon

“Come Home For Christmas:  
*Lost and Searching for Home*”

## *Respond*

CAROL (#140)

“Once in Royal David’s City”

IRBY

Offering

**\*\*Christmas Doxology (on screens)**

**Praise God, from whom all blessing flow. Praise, God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.**

Prayer of Dedication

Pastoral Prayer and 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.**

Carol (#132)

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

IN DULCI JUBILO

Pastoral Charge

Postlude

“Improvisation on ‘The 12 Days of Christmas’”

Bruce Jeffries

**\*\*Please stand as you are comfortable and able.**

### *Leaders in and for Worship*

Preaching Today	Rev. Ronnie Osborn
Liturgist	Brian Norris
Organist/Pianist	Bruce Jeffries
Director of Music	J. West
Audio/Visual Technicians	Delbert Botes, Karen Neely, Bob Winkelmann
Greeter	Sarah Blanton
Ushers	Odell Newkirk, Bill Young

**FROM THE ORGANIST:** This carol “’Twas in the Moon of Wintertime” is found in the *Glory to God* hymnal, #142. Jean de Brébeuf was a Jesuit missionary to the Huron Indians around 1640. He utilized images of their culture to help them understand the Incarnation of Christ. This may well be the oldest Christmas carol composed in the Western Hemisphere. Meditate on the words as you listen to the music.

**CAN YOU STAY AND HELP?** Today after worship we'll be taking down the Christmas trees, garland, and wreaths, putting away the nativity sets and candles and preparing the sanctuary for the next season of the liturgical year. Many helpers will enable us to do this work in a short time. Get a snack in the Fellowship Hall, then pick a project and help us as you are able.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY CIRCLES:** The Evening Circle will meet this Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall; the Afternoon Circle will meet at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday in Room 12. New members are always welcome in this new year!

**WOMEN'S COFFEE CLUB:** Stop by Love Coffee this Friday morning at 9:30, grab a warm drink and a morning snack, and enjoy time with other women from Trinity. No reservations needed.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION AND LUNCHEON NEXT SUNDAY:** Join us after worship on Sunday, January 11, for a light lunch provided by the Fellowship Committee and a special presentation by Chris Bouchard about his father's experience as a POW during World War II. Chris' father began writing a memoir before his death, and Chris has been able to expand his dad's story through his own research.