

ALL SAINTS Presbyterian Church

First Sunday after Christmas

December 29, 2024

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God! We are gathered in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Let us give thanks to the Lord.

We give thanks to the Lord.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Lord has come!

O come, let us adore Him!

His name shall be called Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins.

He is Emmanuel; God with us.

He is the Prince of Peace, Lord of lords, and King of kings!

Let us exalt His name together.



Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

† COLLECT & 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 have forgiven 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.

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING:

It Came upon the Midnight Clear—239

CORPORATE READING OF GOD'S WORD

Come, let us return to the LORD; for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up.

After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him.

Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth.

What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes early away.

Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light.

For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

Hosea 6:1-6

‡ CONFESSION OF SIN

Most holy and merciful Father, we confess before you our sinful nature and our many offenses. We are prone to do evil and slow to do good. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your way, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Lord, we are ashamed and sorry for all the ways that we have displeased you. Father, teach us to hate our rebellious acts, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of your Son. Hear us now as we continue in silent prayer, confessing our sins to you.

[We pause in prayer, and then conclude together...]

Gracious Father, help us to love you with all our heart and mind and strength, and give us the power of your Holy Spirit so that we may walk in your ways and serve you all of our days. Amen.

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God*—415

† ABSOLUTION: Our Assurance of Forgiveness is declared
In the Name of God the Father, Son, & Holy Spirit
Thanks be to God!

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *I Waited for the LORD* [Psalm 40]—74



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

We join together praying for the church, one another, and the world

**Scripture Lesson from
the Old Testament**
Jeremiah 29:4-14

**Scripture Lesson from
the Epistles**
2 Peter 3:1-13

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

† **Gospel Lesson**—Matthew 25:1-13

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ
Praise be to Christ!

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *Gloria Patri*—436

† **Sermon Text**
Luke 2:21-28

Sermon
Activities Before and After Christmas
Pastor Geoff Shaw

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *O Little Town of Bethlehem*—244

‡ The congregation is invited to kneel

† The congregation is invited to stand

In Grateful Response We Present the Lord's Tithes & Our Offerings

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *The Doxology*

† Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication



† CONFESSION OF FAITH: *The Nicene Creed*

Christians, in whom do you believe?

**I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made;
who, for us men, and for our salvation, came down from Heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin, Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried;
and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures;
and ascended into Heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father;
and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;
who spoke by the Prophets.**

**And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper should not be observed in individual homes.

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child*—insert

Prayer for and Blessing of the Children

† BENEDICTION AND SINGING

Doxology from *Of the Father's Love Begotten* (p. 247)

Christ, to Thee with God the Father, and O Holy Ghost, to Thee,
Hymn and chant with high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be:
Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory,
Evermore and evermore! Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

TODAY

Prayer for and Blessing of the Children—Just before the end of our service, we will invite children (about 12 and younger) forward for a special time of prayer, encouragement, and blessing.

Coffee and Refreshments—Please join us for coffee and refreshments in the Fellowship Hall following worship. Pastor Shaw will be available for questions and conversation.

Final day of Deacon Nominations

NEXT SUNDAY

Fellowship Meal—All are invited to attend this monthly fellowship meal. Details to follow by email.

Last Sunday to donate to Pregnancy Help Center of Fort Worth Gift Drive

During Advent and through Epiphany we will be gathering items to support the Pregnancy Help Center of Fort Worth. Particular items of need this year: baby wipes, small bottles of shampoo & baby wash, baby lotion, diapers size 4 & 5, baby digital thermometer, baby first aid kit, and baby toys.

Gifts for moms: Bibles, gas gift card, and Walmart gift cards. Strollers and playpens are always great as well. For more ideas, you may scan the QR code from the flyer on the back corner table in the foyer near the main entrance. Donations may be placed on this table.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January 8-11, 2025—Gloria Sancta at Timberline Camp and Conference Center. Register today!

Gloria Sancta is a retreat for Christian young adults (post high school; under 30)

Register at <https://www.gloriasancta.org>.

January 18, 2025—Men's Discipleship Breakfast—8:30 to 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall—90 minutes of great fellowship, food, teaching, and encouragement. More details to follow via email signup.



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