



LORD'S DAY | December 15, 2024

A Service of Covenant Renewal

PRELUDE

Habakkuk 2:20: But the LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.
We encourage you to use the prelude as a time to prepare your heart and mind for worship.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LORD CALLS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP: [Psalm 29](#)

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.

Let us worship the Triune God.

OPENING HYMN: No. 197, "[Comfort, Comfort Ye My People](#)"

GREETING:

From where does our help come?

From the LORD, the creator of the heavens and the earth.

PRAYER/INVOCATION

THE LORD CLEANSSES US IN HIS SON

CALL TO REPENTANCE: [James 2:8-13](#)

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN:

Have compassion, O God, upon Your servants; seeing that our hearts are grieved for having offended against You, and our own consciences condemn us, and we have no refuge save only in Your mercy, which You have revealed through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

PROMISE OF COMFORT AND FORGIVENESS: [Romans 3:21-26](#)

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING: No. 199, "[See, amid the Winter's Snow](#)"

INSTITUTION OF BAPTISM

PROFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed
(page 845 in red Trinity Hymnal)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

HYMN: No. 32, "[Great Is Thy Faithfulness](#)"

THE LORD CONSECRATES US WITH HIS WORD

THE GRACE OF GOD'S LAW: [Matthew 25:31-46](#)

GLORIA PATRI: [No. 734](#)

COLLECTION OF GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

CONGREGATIONAL PETITIONS

OLD TESTAMENT: [Micah 5:2](#)

NEW TESTAMENT: [Luke 2:1-20](#)

SERMON: *The Perfect Gift of Christmas*

THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US AT HIS TABLE

MEANING AND FENCING OF THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

BREAD: No. 232, "O Jesus Sweet, O Jesus Mild"

WINE: No. 201, "[O Little Town of Bethlehem](#)"

***CLOSING HYMN:** No. 195, "[Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come](#)"

THE LORD COMMISSIONS US WITH HIS BLESSING

***BENEDICTION**

***HYMN OF ADVENT:** No. 194, "[O Come, O Come, Emmanuel](#)" (vv. 1-3)

POSTLUDE