



Sunday, December 29, 2024
First Sunday after Christmas

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

During the Prelude, you are invited to meditate on the Psalm of the Day as you prepare your heart and mind for worship.

Prelude

Choral Prelude on "In dulci jubilo" ("Good Christian Friends, Rejoice") BWV 729
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
Ruth Pfister, Organ

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 27:14

Wait for the LORD;
be strong and take heart
and wait for the LORD.

Welcome and Gathering Prayer

Rev. Mark van Stee

***Call to Worship**

Dorothy Kwan

Leader: This is the day the LORD has made;

People: let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Psalm 118:24, NIV)

***Hymn of Praise #28 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"**

***The Apostles' Creed (ecumenical, p. 14)**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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.

***Gloria Patri #579 "Glory Be to the Father"**

Children's Message

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 33: 20-22 (p. 561)

Dorothy Kwan

Meditation

“Pifa” from *Messiah* HWV 56

Georg Friedrich Händel (1685-1759)

New Testament Reading

Luke 2:36-38 (p. 1028)

Sermon

“Females Who Foreshadowed:

Rev. Mark van Stee

What Anna Suggests to Us about Jesus, the Messiah”

***Hymn of Response #37** “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

GATHERING AT THE LORD’S TABLE

Invitation

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Leader: With joy we praise you, gracious God...

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Leader: Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit...

We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray saying:

The Lord’s Prayer

The Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Sue Knüsel, Elder for Fellowship &
Special Events

Offertory

Trio in G Major BWV 1027a

Johann Sebastian Bach

***Doxology #592** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

GOING WITH GOD'S MISSION AND BLESSING

Welcoming of Guests

Sue Knüsel

Announcements

***Hymn of Dedication #29 «Go Tell it on the Mountain»**

***Sending and Pastoral Benediction**

Rev. Mark van Stee

Postlude

Go! Tell!

Christopher Norton (1953)

Ruth Pfister, Piano

Please remain quietly seated during the postlude. For those who need to leave, please do so quietly.

****Please stand if you are able.***

Today's cover art features Rembrandt's The Prophetess Anna (1639). The painting is part of collection of the Kunsthistorisches Museum in Vienna.