

# NEW YEAR'S EVE



December 31, 2024

**New Year's Eve**  
**Tuesday, December 31, 2024**  
*(\* indicates the assembly stands)*

**Opening**

Prelude	<i>"Bell of the Afternoon"</i>	E. Granados
Words of Welcome & Service Announcements		
*Dialogue (see page 4)		
*Hymn of Light 561	<i>"Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory"</i>	
*Thanksgiving for Light		p. 310-311
*Prayer of the Day		
Solo	<i>"Only a Baby Came"</i>	N. Sleeth

**Psalmody**

Psalm Hymn 232	<i>"Let My Prayer Rise Up"</i>	
	Pastor sings "Leader" part, Assembly sings "All" part	
Psalm 8 (see page 4)		<i>(said responsively by verse)</i>
Psalm Prayer		

**Word**

First Reading		Ecclesiastes 3:1-13
Gospel Reading		Matthew 25:31-46
Silence for reflection		
Response (see page 5)		
*Gospel Canticle 251	<i>"My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness"</i>	
*Sung Litany		p. 316-317
*Peace		

## Meal

*Offering Hymn 294	<i>"In the Bleak Midwinter"</i>
*Offering Prayer	
*Great Thanksgiving	p. 129
*Holy, Holy, Holy	p. 130
*Thanksgiving at the Table II	p. 130
*Lord's Prayer ( <i>Our Father, who art in heaven...</i> )	p. 134
Lamb of God	p. 135
Communion Hymn WOV 736	<i>"By Gracious Powers"</i>
Prayer after Communion	

## Sending

*Blessing	
*Hymn WOV 778	<i>"O Christ the Same"</i>
*Sending	<b>A: Thanks be to God</b>
Postlude	<i>"Noël: Chantons je vous prie"</i> G. Lasceux

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**At the turn of the year we meditate on endings and beginnings,** knowing that all the world's time begins and ends in God. We watch and keep vigil for the coming of God's justice.

## Dialogue

P: The light shines in the darkness

**A: and the darkness has not overcome it.**

P: The Word became flesh and lived among us,

**A: and we have beheld Christ's glory.**

P: To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

**A: In the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people.**

## Psalm 8

<sup>1</sup>O LORD our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

<sup>2</sup>you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;

you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.

<sup>3</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

<sup>4</sup>what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,  
human beings that you should care for them?

<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them little less than divine;  
with glory and honor you crown them.

<sup>6</sup>You have made them rule over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet:

<sup>7</sup>all flocks and cattle,  
even the wild beasts of the field,

<sup>8</sup>the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,  
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

<sup>9</sup>O LORD our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

## Response

P: Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets,

**A: but in these last days God has spoken to us by the Son.**

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### Leading Worship Today

**Minister:** Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

**Diaconal Minister of Music:** Deacon Scott Knarr

**Lector & Communion Server:** Linda McLellan

**Vocalist:** Lana Moses

**Broadcast:** Gary Pootz

**Building Monitor:** Don Robins (519-502-2099)

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## Worship Notes

**All are welcomed to the Lord's table where Jesus promises to meet us.** Please remain at your seat to receive communion. Pre-poured wine and grape juice as well as gluten-free communion wafers are also available. Please indicate this to the Pastor.

**In our prayers** George, Anneke, Judy, Clare, Yvonne, Jeanette, Meaghan, Henry, Grace, Maureen and John.

**Church Fire Plan** For everyone's awareness, a copy of the Church Fire Plan for safe exit from the Sanctuary appears in the back of the worship books. Please take a moment to review for your own safety. The AED and a first aid kit are in the hallway by the office.

## Important Information for today's worship

- **Offering:** Please place your offering in one of the offering plates in the Narthex (entranceway) upon entering. The offering plates will be presented at the High Altar during the service.
- **The Peace:** We support people's choices for passing of the peace.
- **Exiting:** At the end of the service, please remain in place until the end of the postlude.
- **Downstairs Washrooms** can be accessed via any of the staircases. There is one wheelchair accessible washroom, and the rest are all-gender washrooms. A further all-gender washroom is also available via the west stair tower door (front left of the Sanctuary) on the same level. Turn right at the hallway.

## General Announcements

**Boxed Envelopes** are ready for pick up outside the church office.

**There will be no Coffee Hour** on Sunday, December 29. We will see you on January 5!

**Special Congregational Meeting January 12th, 2025:** All voting members are invited to attend the special meeting following worship on January 12th to approve the new proposed bylaws. Synod Council had conditionally approved the bylaws we approved in October, but asked for some minor wording changes. Only one congregational meeting will be required this time. At the meeting we will also have a motion to destroy the ballots of the property redevelopment vote.



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