

# FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

December 26, 2021  
9:30 a.m.

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*“This is the work of God: that you  
BELIEVE in the One whom God sent.” ~ John 6*

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## WE GATHER AROUND GOD’S WORD

ORGAN PRELUDE Mary Mackie  
*Break Forth Into Joy...J. S. Bach*  
(Please use this time to prepare your heart for worship.)

## CALL TO WORSHIP

\* HYMN OF PRAISE no. 31  
*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*  
(Please silently meditate on the words of the hymn, as it is sung on our behalf.)

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Please pray silently, as the worship leader prays on our behalf):  
**Loving God, even as we believe in Jesus, the Word made flesh, we find it hard to fully trust in Him. You call us to tell the Good News to the world, but it’s a struggle for us to be effective in our witness. Forgive us, O God, and help us to be Your faithful followers. Hear us now as we silently confess our sins.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.  
In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

## GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* Those who wish may stand.

## ANTHEM

Summer Choir

*Rise Up, Shepherds...Fettke & Grassi*  
Leland Morine, soloist; Richard Dinwiddie, director;  
Mollie Wakeman, accompanist (CCLI #20405356)

## WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

### NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 1: 6-8, 19-34 Pg. 1646

### MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Rev. Anne Swanson

**“What Should We Be Doing?”**

## WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

HYMN (see next page)

*John Came Preaching, Bearing Witness*  
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(Please silently meditate on the words of the hymn, as it is sung on our behalf.)

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

\* CLOSING HYMN No. 28  
*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*  
(Please silently meditate on the words of the hymn as it is sung on our behalf.)

\* BENEDICTION

\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE  
(Please listen as the Benediction Response is sung on our behalf.)  
*Go Now in Peace ... Don Besig*

## ORGAN POSTLUDE

*Noel...Louis DAquin*

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