

1st SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

♪ Organ Prelude · Mary Mackie

Call to Worship (responsively) · Lou Pennebaker

Leader: Here on the heels of Christmas,

People: we speak of love.

Leader: We speak of joy.

People: We speak of candlelight and fireside.

Leader: We speak of dreams being fulfilled.

People: We speak of "glorias" and angel choruses.

Leader: We speak the words, "Do not be afraid."

People: Here on the heels of Christmas, we are called to speak, for the world needs a light.

Leader: A light shines in the darkness, and the darkness does not overcome it.

People: Let us worship and listen. Then, let us speak. Amen.

* ♪ Hymn of Praise · Joy to the World!

No. 40

Mollie Wakeman, accompanist

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God of today and tomorrow, we know that your fingerprints are all over this world. And we know that those who dream cannot keep silent. So today we pray, give us eyes to see you. Give us courage to trust you. And give us lips to speak of you in our midst. Gratefully we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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*  **Gloria Patri**

No. 579

* **Passing of The Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Greetings and Announcements

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading · Ben Ball

Isaiah 61:10-62:3 (pg. 1158)

Anthem · Chancel Choir

[I Want Jesus to] Walk with Me ... Traditional Spiritual, arr. Jack Schrader

Richard Dinwiddie, director; Mollie Wakeman, accompanist
(CCLI #20405356)


Scripture Reading

Luke 2:22-40 (pg. 1591)

Ministry of the Word · The Rev. Jeff Kunkel

"Back to Business...until..."

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*  **Hymn of Response** · *Away in a Manger*

No. 25

Acknowledgement and Blessing of Offerings

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Prayer of the People and the Lord's Prayer

- * 🎵 **Closing Hymn · Angels We Have Heard on High**
No. 23
- * **Benediction**
- * 🎵 **Congregational Response · Go Now in Peace**
(Can be found inside the front cover of the hymnal)

- 🎵 **Organ Postlude · Mary Mackie**