

**St. John's Reformed Church
December 28, 2025 10 a.m.
First Sunday After Christmas**

(Please join responsively by speaking aloud the bolded sections)

Pre-Prelude

Announcements and Hospitality

Our Approach to God

Prelude

Votum Look to the hills-from where comes your help?

*Call to Worship

Leader: Sing a new song to the Lord!

People: Let the whole earth sing to the Lord!

Leader: Sing to the Lord; bless his name.

People: Proclaim the good news that he saves.

Leader: Honor and majesty surround him.

People: Strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

All: Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice!

May all who are godly be happy. Praise his holy name!

*Hymn *Angels We Have Heard on High* # 82 v. 1-2

Salutation & Prayer of Invocation

Prayer of Confession

Lord, we come to you understanding that we are sinners.

We know what You want but we prefer to live our own way.

We love You when your call is easy. It is difficult to love our neighbor as we should. We are blind to our neighbors needs and deaf to their cries for help.

Silent Confessions

Have mercy and forgive us. Take the scales from our eyes and the plugs from our ears that separate us from You. Help us to recognize that we have a Savior. Take us by the hand and lead us to the road that leads to You. You are our God and we want to walk with You forever. In Jesus' holy name, Amen

Kyrie Eleison ***“Lord have mercy upon us;
Christ have mercy upon us;
Lord have mercy upon us.”***

Assurance of Pardon

Summary of the Law:

**Response: May the Spirit guide us to be obedient to this Word.
Amen.**

*Gloria Patri

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end, Amen. Amen***

Musical Meditation

The Word of God in Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination

Lectionary Lessons:

Lesson from the Old Testament: **Isaiah 63:7-9** (p. 693)

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Hymn *What Child is This* #95 v. 1-2

*Gospel Lesson: **Matthew 22:13-23** (pp. 24-25)

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Prayer for Blessing

Our Response to God's Grace

*Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven 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

*The Church universal, that exists in all times and places.

*The Peace The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

The Offering & Offertory

*Doxology *Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye Heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

Lord, all that we have is from you and we return but a portion.
Please multiply our gifts to accomplish your plans for our world.
May the hungry be fed, the sick healed and comforted and the
peace which only you can give be universal in your Kingdom.
Amen.

Prayers for the People of God

The Lord's Prayer (use 'trespasses')

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into
temptation but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen**

Prayer Response *Threefold Amen Amen, Amen, Amen*

*Hymn *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* #98 v.1-2

*Benediction

*Congregational Amen "Go Now in Peace"
*Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with us each hour of every day.
Go now in faith steadfast strong and true.
Know he will guide us in all we do.
Go now in love, and show we believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.*

*Postlude

*Indicates congregation to stand if able.

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