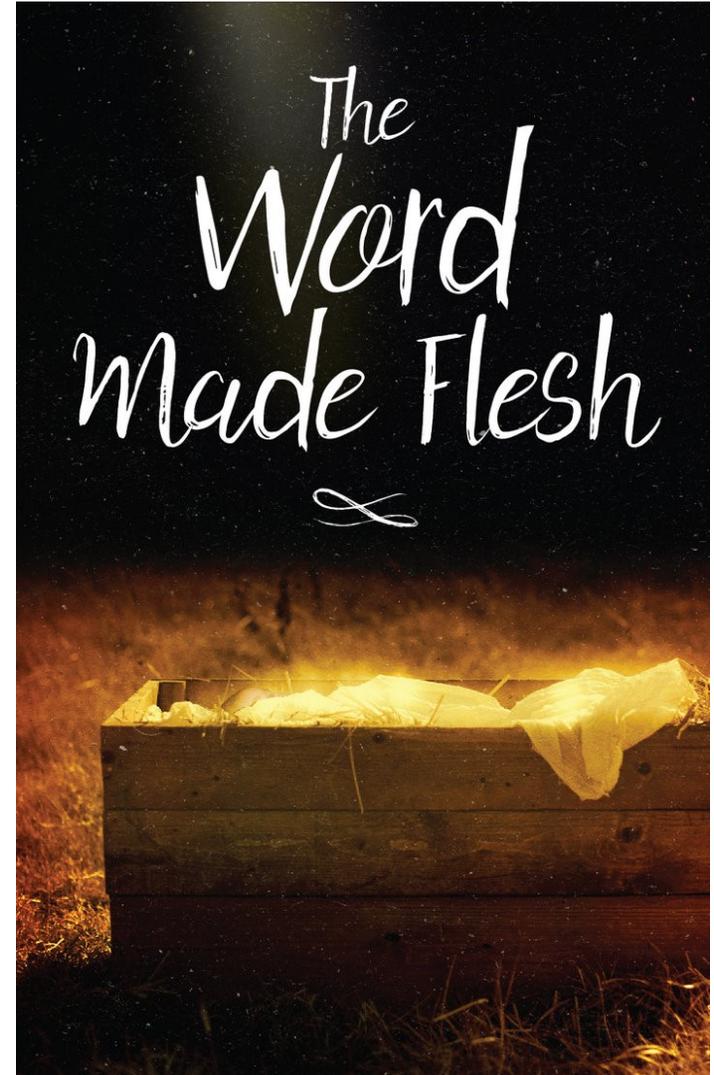


First Sunday after Christmas

December 29, 2019



Worship Participants

Pastor: David Westfall ♦ Piano: Jill Friend ♦ Instrumentalists: Jenni, Joya, Jonathan, William Breems
Worship Leader: Deb Hibma ♦ Sound: Andy Landman ♦ Projection: Michael Vander Plaats
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Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate deity,
pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel.

-Charles Wesley

Gathering

Welcome

*Call to Worship: (based on Isaiah 63:7-9) p.1160

*Song of Praise: "Holy Is Your Name"

**1. My soul is filled with joy as I sing to God my Savior:
you have looked upon your servant, you have visited your people.**

Refrain:

**And holy is your name through all generations!
Everlasting is your mercy to the people you have chosen,
and holy is your name.**

**3. I proclaim the power of God, you do marvels for your servants;
Though you scatter the proud-hearted
and destroy the might of princes. (refrain)**

**5. In your love you now fulfill what you promised to your people.
I will praise you, Lord, my Savior, everlasting is your mercy. (refrain)**

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*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" LUYH 81:1,3,4,5

Renewal

Prayer of Confession

God of love and justice,
we long for peace within and peace without.
We long for harmony in our families,
for serenity in the midst of struggle.
We long for the day when our homes
will be a dwelling place for your love.
Yet we confess that we are often anxious,
we do not trust each other,
and we harbor violence.
We are not willing to take the risks
and make the sacrifices that love requires.
Look upon us with kindness and grace.

Rule in our homes and in all the world;
show us how to walk in your paths,
through the mercy of our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (based on I Timothy 1:15) p.1846

Word

Children's Blessing: "O Come, Let Us Adore Him" LUYH 76

Children ages 3 years old through Kindergarten are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary to receive a prayer of blessing before going downstairs to the Multi-Purpose Room for a time of worship designed especially for young children. Our young guests are welcome to participate in this service.

Scripture: Matthew 2:13-23 p.1498

Sermon: "Rachel's Tears and the Joy of Christmas" Dr. David Westfall

*Song of Response: "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" LUYH 109

*We Profess Our Faith: The Apostles' Creed LUYH 783A

Response

Offertory Prayer and Offering of our Gifts

Each week at Covenant we receive a monetary offering to support the mission and ministry of the church. This morning's offering will support the Building Fund, which is used to cover major project expenses for the church.

We Share Our Joys & Concerns and Pray for Each Other

*Song: "Jesus, the Light of the World" LUYH 100:1,2

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout" LUYH 69:1,4