Second Sunday after Christmas

January 5, 2020

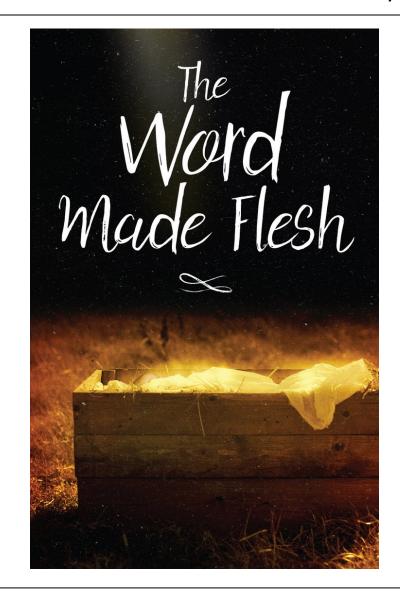
*Song: "Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"

LUYH 746

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Go Now in Peace"

LUYH 950



Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate deity, pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel.

-Charles Wesley

Gathering

Welcome

*Songs of Praise: "Angels We Have Heard on High" LUYH 82:1,3

"Jesus, Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child" LUYH 99

*Opening Prayer

 ${\it Creative God-Father, Son, and Holy Spirit-}\\$

you make all things new in heaven and on earth.

We come to you in a new year with new desires and old fears,

new decisions and old controversies,

new dreams and old weaknesses.

Because you are a God of hope,

we know that you create all the possibilities of the future.

Because you are a God of love,

we know that you forgive all the mistakes of the past.

Because you are the God of our faith,

we enter your gates with thanksgiving and praise, we come into your presence with gladness and a joyful noise,

and we serve and bless you. Amen.

*Song: "O God Beyond All Praising"

LUYH 557:1,3

*God Greets Us, We Greet One Another

Renewal

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been,

help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,

so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (I Timothy 1:15, I Peter 2:24)

This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance:

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

He bore our sins in his body on the cross,

so that free from sins,

we might live for righteousness.

By his wounds we are healed.

Alleluia! Amen.

*Song of Assurance: "Here On Jesus Christ I Will Stand"

Soloist on the verses, all on the refrain

LUYH 708

Word

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

LUYH 76

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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: Colossians 2:8-3:4

Sermon: "When Christ Who Is Your Life Appears"

Dr. Justin Bailey

Response

*Song of Response: "Before the Throne of God Above" LUYH 682

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

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 General Fund, which helps keep our church operating and pays for a wide range of denominational ministries.

We Share Our Joys and Concerns and Pray for Each Other