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# Second Sunday after Christmas

January 3, 2021

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## John 1:14

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.  
We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son,  
who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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### Worship Participants

Pastor: Dr. David Westfall ♦ Piano: Jill Friend ♦ Viola: Derek Friend ♦ Cello: Jaren Brue  
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## Gathering

Welcome

Opening Prayer

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: “God Reigns! Earth Rejoices” LUYH 91

\*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

\*Song: “Here I Am to Worship” LUYH 567  
 “O Little Town of Bethlehem” LUYH 88:1,4

## Renewal

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: Ephesians 1:3-14 p.1817

Song of Thanksgiving: “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” LUYH 351:1,4

## Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: John 1:1-18 p.1645

Sermon: “The Word Made Flesh” Dr. David Westfall

## Response

\*Song of Response: “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” LUYH 78:1,2,5

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

Prayers for the Church and World

## Sending

\*Benediction

\*Song: “Go, Tell It on the Mountain” LUYH 93:1,3