

### For Prayer & Contemplation

O God, you have filled us with the light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of faith shine in all that we do in ministry, in mission, in worship. Amen.

### Welcome & Sharing Information

Prelude “The First Nowell” – arr. G. Young

### Call to Worship

One: This is the time for worship and praise. This is a day for song and celebration.

**All: God calls us away from our toil and invites us to examine our life and times.**

One: God desires our happiness and enjoyment of life. And, God gives us important work to do.

**All: Let us celebrate the past and anticipate the future. Let us rejoice that God is present with us now. Let us worship God.**

\*Hymn No. 150 “As With Gladness Men of Old”

### Prayer of Confession

We confess to you, O God, that we have heard your word but have ignored its witness. We nod in agreement with your truth, but tend to follow our own ways. Your commands are merely ink on paper and we do not fully invest ourselves in their possibilities for our lives. Break down our resistance to change. Link us firmly in a community of faith, bold and daring for the gospel in this new year of faith. Amen.

### Moment of Silence

### Words of Assurance

One: Beloved, what has been is now wiped away. Today begins a new year in which God offers new life. God promises glory and honor and entrust all we touch to our care. In communion with God, we find pleasure in the tasks given us to do. Beloved, believe and live the Good News: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

\*Hymn No. 581 “Glory Be to the Father”

**“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.”**

### Passing of Peace

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

### Time with Children (Dismissal to Sunday School)

Pastor: It is time for you to depart.

**Adults: God be with you there.**

**Children: God be with you here.**

### Scripture

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: *Isaiah 58: 9b-12*  
Old Testament PG 688-9, Large Print 842

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: *Mark 2:1-5*  
New Testament PG 36, Large Print 43-4

### Prayer of Illumination

Sermon “The Hole Wasn’t There Before” - Rev. Jim Mehler

\*Affirmation of Faith (From *A Brief Statement of Faith, PCUSA*)

**In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. Amen.**

### Invitation to Offering

### Offertory

\*Doxology No. 606 “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**“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.”**

### Unison Prayer of Dedication

**For all we have gathered through our toil, we give you thanks O God. May the ministry and mission we support fulfill your expectations of us, here in our community and wherever you direct us to act. We seek to treat all people as made in your image and valued by you. Use us and our gifts to establish and spread your realm, on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

### The Prayers of the People

*Chic, Alyssa, Denise, Patrick, the family of Martha, Erin, Rhett, Rachel, Jamie, Ron, the family of Sandra, Meg, Heather, Joanna, Dorothy, Sara, Jim, David, Ted, William, Mimi, Rachael, Laura, Russell, Phyllis, Aaron, Nic, Douglas*

### The Lord’s Prayer

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

\*Hymn No. 151 “We Three Kings”

### Benediction

\*Benediction Hymn No. 136 (v.3) “Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

**“Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born. Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born, and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.”**

Postlude “We Three Kings” – arr. G. Young

\*\*\*\*\* *Please stand as you are able.* \*\*\*\*\*



### *Music Notes*

We thank Linda Davis for sharing special music with us this morning.





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*10 AM Worship Service  
 January 2, 2022  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas  
 Rev. Jim Mehler*

*This Week's Calendar  
 January 2-9*

<i>Sunday</i> January 2	<b>10 AM</b> Worship Service – Sanctuary/Livestreaming <b>2 PM</b> Board of Deacons Meeting
<i>Monday</i> January 3	<b>7 PM</b> Session – Agape Room
<i>Tuesday</i> January 4	<b>6:30 PM</b> Girl Scouts – Social Hall
<i>Wednesday</i> January 5	<b>6:30 PM</b> Sparrow Chorale – Music Room
<i>Thursday</i> January 6	
<i>Friday</i> January 7	
<i>Saturday</i> January 8	<b>9:30 AM</b> PW Core Board Meeting
<i>Sunday</i> January 9	<b>10 AM</b> Worship Service – Sanctuary/Livestreaming