



First Sunday of Christmas
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SPECIAL MUSIC

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Psalm

Psalm 148

Second Reading

Colossians 3:12-17

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL

Luke 2:41-52

SERMON

Yvonne Smith

SERMON SONG “ *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*”

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APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of grace, receive our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERTORY

OFFERING RESPONSE “*Let the Vinyards be Fruitful*”

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THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Let us pray. Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

The God of love, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, lavish you with grace, illumine your path, and increase your joy, today and always.
Amen

SENDING SONG *“Go Tell It on a Mountain”*

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Word of God dwells in you richly.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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