

**First Presbyterian Church of Rolla**  
**Worship Service on Second Sunday of Christmas**

*January 2, 2022, 9:45 am*

**Pre-Service Music:** *A Wordless Hymn* - John Turner

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude:** *Gentle Prelude* - Bob Burroughs

**Introit:** *On Christmas Night*

**Call to Worship**

Praise the Lord, O you people.

**We joyfully proclaim Christ is here!**

The God of all creation animates our bodies  
with the breath of the Spirit.

**The Lord, the giver of life,  
has come to dwell among us.**

**Prayer of the Day**

**Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your  
incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all  
that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns  
with you and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
Amen.**

**Opening Hymn #435** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* (please stand)

**Call to Confession**

Who is worthy to stand before God?

**None but Christ alone.**

The Son of God came in the flesh of a human body  
to live among us.

**It is Christ who redeems us,  
gathering our tears and our fears,  
redeeming each and every one.**

With this confidence let us confess  
our sin before God and one another.

**Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.**

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Gather us, your children who run and hide,  
ashamed, afraid, apathetic.  
We trade your goodness for ashes.  
We trade your peace for control.  
We trade your promise for certainty.  
Gather us to you and return us to your abundant mercy;  
may it flow over us, renewing our weary souls.**

### **Declaration of Forgiveness**

The light of all life and the breath of all creation claims you,  
calling you "good" from the very beginning, very good.  
Believe the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

### **Passing the Peace of Christ**

**Gloria #581:** *Glory Be to the Father*

**Anthem:** *The Sky Can Still Remember*

**Time for sharing of joys and concerns, and the prayer list.**

### **Prayers of the People**

*Worship leader will lead the prayers.* Merciful God. **Receive our prayer.**

Joining our voices with the heavenly host and Christians throughout time and space, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Rejoicing in your Word made flesh among us, we commend these prayers to you, confident of your grace and love made known to us in Jesus Christ our Savior.  
**Amen.**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

Let us pray:

**O God our redeemer, you created light that we might live, and you illumine our world with your beloved Son. Open our hearts and minds this day to receive your word, and hear again anew the promise of everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**Old Testament Lesson:** Isaiah 60:1-6

**Epistle Lesson:** Ephesians 3:1-12

**Gospel Lesson:** Matthew 2:1-12

The Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Christ's Light Shining Forth

Jonathan Kimball

**Communion Hymn #499:** *Bread of the World in Mercy Broken*

**Invitation to the Table and Prayer of Thanksgiving**

This is the joyful feast of the people of God!

People will come from north and south, from east and west, to sit at table in the kingdom of God.

According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took the bread, blessed it, and broke it and gave it to them.

Their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites those who trust in him to share the feast that he has prepared.

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right and our great delight to praise you, O God.

We thank you for your steadfast love in spite of our human sin.

We join with the heavenly choirs and the faithful of every time and place to sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

We give you thanks that the Lord Jesus, on the night before he died, took bread and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and give it to his disciples saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way Jesus took the cup saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Together we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life.  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

According to Christ's commandment:

**We remember his death,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen**

Let us pray:

**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**

### **Sharing the Bread and the Cup**

Jesus said: I am the bread of life.

Jesus said: I am the vine, you are the branches.

Come to me and never be hungry; believe in me and never thirst.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.** *(take the communion)*

### **Prayer After Communion**

Most High God, you have come among us in this place. By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest

**Amen.**

**Sending Hymn#132**    *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*    (remain standing)

**Benediction:** (remain standing)

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. Amen.

Go in peace. Live in love. **Serve the Lord**

**Postlude:** *Postlude in D* - Austin North    (please be seated)

*Scriptures are read from the NRSV translation. Music presented by Lorie Francis and the Chancel Choir. Sermon provided by Jonathan Kimball.*

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