

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



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*As a courtesy, please silence cell phones before worship.
A “+” indicates all are invited to stand in either body or spirit.*

WE GATHER

INTROIT

Christ Is the Morning Star

Will Todd

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE!

+CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Welcome to church: not a place, but an invitation; not a building, but a way of engaging; not a service, but a way of serving; not an institution, but a path to adventure.

All: In this new year let us gather and welcome each other, make space for all, decide to love more, and break the rules of the world with the generosity of the kingdom that lets the light in.

+HYMN 744: ARISE, YOUR LIGHT IS COME!

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us make our own silent confession before the Lord.

~ *silence* ~

One: Lord, you are our light: you shape our world; you interpret our lives; you speak into our darkness.

All: Lord, grant that we may have eyes to see deep in our souls. Grant that we might journey with you into our world, daring to trust your presence, your promise, your light.

One: When we cannot see your light, in your mercy, forgive our blindness and let us trust others who can.

All: When we think your light has grown dim in our life, may we wait until it shines again, and when it seems too far away, may we have strength to trust our faith that grows brighter in the trusting.

+ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PASSING THE PEACE

One: Christ is our peace and reconciles us to God. In our confession, we are promised God's mercy, and are assured that God's grace will follow us all the days of our lives. What wondrous love is this?

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and granted his peace. Thanks be to God.

One: You are invited to greet one another in peace.

+SUNG RESPONSE: RAISE A SONG OF GLADNESS

GTG 155

**Raise a song of gladness, peoples of the earth.
Christ has come, bringing peace, joy to every heart.
Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!
Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!**

WE GROW

WEE WORSHIP

HYMN 158: BORN IN THE NIGHT MARY'S CHILD (*remain seated*)

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:1-12

MESSAGE

Epiphany of the Lord

Rev. John Dillon

OFFERING:

Here's a Pretty Little Baby

arr. Andre J. Thomas

+DOXOLOGY: OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN

v 6, GTG 108

**Christ, to thee with God the Father,
and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
and unwearied praises be.
Honor, glory, and dominion,
and eternal victory,
evermore and evermore! Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND 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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor:

Having received the sacrament, let us together affirm our faith.

All: I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

WE GO

+HYMN 314: CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

+SENDING

*We gather in grace, we grow in grace, we go in grace...
The journey continues in an ever-widening circle of grace.*

NURSERY CARE is provided during all worship services. Infants and pre-kindergarten children are welcomed there by our trained staff.

FLOWERS are given by **Dave & Deb Steele** in celebration of another year of wedded bliss! 48 and counting!

NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE! Details of all church events, meetings etc. are available online at www.rclpc.org. Printed copies are available from the ushers.