

**Sunday, December 29, 2019**

Worship Notes:

Your offerings and tithes may be placed in the offering box before worship, during the time of greeting or following the service. The offering box is located at the rear of the sanctuary.

**Our Community Gathers**

**Welcome and Announcements**

*Linda Gardner*

**\*Call to Worship** (*\*you are invited to stand if you are able*)

Leader: Come, all who await God's coming;  
there is good news of great joy!

**ALL: God has come among us in a baby of humble birth.**

Leader: Our salvation has come, let heaven and earth rejoice!

**ALL: Give thanks to God's holy name,  
for God's light has dawned among us.**

Leader: Join the multitudes who sing, "Glory to God in the highest."

**ALL: God has redeemed us and calmed our fears;  
we are God's own, sought out and not forsaken.**

**Invocation**

*Linda Gardner*

**\*Opening Hymn** 'Hark the Herald Angels Sing' *Ch #150*  
vs. 2 & 3

**Old Testament Reading** **Isaiah 63: 7-9** *Mona Campbell*

**Prayer Preparation** 'O Come, All Ye Faithful' (*chorus*) *Ch #148*

**Prayers of the Gathered & the Lord's Prayer**

**Our Community Hears the Word and Responds**

***Our Word of Life***

***Reading***

*Linda Gardner*

**Hymn Sing**

**Our Community Celebrates the Sacred Table**

*We celebrate a fully open communion table. All those who believe in Christ our Savior, are invited to receive the Bread of Life and Cup of Hope.*

**Communion**

**'Once in Royal David's City'**

*CH #165*

*vs. 3 & 4*

Passing and receiving of Bread and Cup. *You are invited to eat the bread as received. Please hold the cup until you are invited to drink together.*

**Prayer of Offering and Dedication**

*Mona Campbell*

**Grant us, O God, such love and wonder that with shepherds and wise men and pilgrims unknown we may hearken to the signing of the angels, that following the guiding of the star we may come to the manger and adore the holy child, and with our gifts, with our lives, worship him. Amen**

**\*Sending Song**

**'Good Christians Friends, Rejoice'**

*Ch #164*

*vs. 2- 3*

**Blessing**

*Christ, the Sun of Righteousness, shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessings of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and abide with you always. Amen*

**'Our Worship has ended - - -**

***Now our Service to God begins!***

**Scripture for Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**

***Old Testament reading: Psalm 147: 12-20***

***New Testament reading: John 1: 1-18***

***Shut-ins***

***Please pray for our shut-ins and homebound:***

***Joyce Bradley, Sherry Burns, Jane Foster, Dick Gordon, Carol Imhoff, Betty Imperio, Bernice Lambert, Jane McVey, Kate Miller, Wanda Mish, Dick Scott, Gertrude & Keith Sparks, Dale Wells and Bev Zimmerman. A visit, call or a card means so much to those who can't be with us on Sundays.***

***Christmas Offering***

***Please prayerfully consider giving to the 2019 Christmas offering. 100% of your monies go to support our Ohio Region.***

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