



Worship of God in Christ January 2, 2022



“Incarnation in the Anthill” by Indian artist Jyoti Sahi

Second Sunday after Christmas

Marking of the Hour

Barbara Moore

*We mark the hour, awakening us to the presence of God, alerting us to the voice of Christ,
and centering us in the embrace of the Holy Spirit.*

Opening Words

Rev. Val Fisk

Prelude – “O Come, All Ye Faithful” (arr. Anna Laura Page)

Barbara Moore

Lighting the Candles

*We light these candles to welcome the Spirit, for they represent how Jesus is the
Light of the world which guides us through life.*

Opening the Bible

We open the Bible to remind us that God speaks to us through the Holy Word.

Call to Worship

Rev. Will Brown

Leader: The Christ child has been born.

People: Will our lives be changed?

Leader: The promise of God’s coming has been fulfilled.

People: Are there other promises that remain?

Leader: We walk together into the new year.

People: Will this year be different from the last?

Leader: People of God, we gather to remember God’s story.

People: We come to listen for God’s Spirit.

Leader: How will God speak to us today?

People: Let us sing and pray in wonder and joy.

*Hymn – “The First Nowell”

*Invocation

Will Cooke

Greeting

Will Cooke

Children’s Sermon

Erin Brown

Gospel Lesson – John 1:1-18

Mary Jo Hendricks

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn – “Faith Begins By Letting Go”

Blessing Rev. Brown
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*Doxology

Old Testament Lesson – Psalm 147:12-20 Jen May
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Morning Prayer Rev. Fisk

Anthem – “We Three Kings” Sanctuary Choir
Soloists: Dean Tennant, Larry Johnson, and Jim Moore

Sermon – “Dealing with God’s Broken Promises” Dr. Matthew Tennant

Meditation Barbara Moore

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper Rev. Brown

*Hymn – “Bless the Lord”

*Benediction Dr. Tennant

*Postlude – “Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day” (Biery) Barbara Moore

** Please stand if you are able.*

The First Nowell

A Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord — Luke 2:11 NIV

1. The first Now - ell the an - gel did say, Was to cer - tain poor
 2. For all to see there was a star Shin - ing in the
 3. And by the light of that same star The wise men
 4. Then let us all with one ac - cord Sing prais - es

shep - herds in fields as they lay; In fields where they lay
 east, be - yond them far, And to the earth it
 came from coun - try far; To seek for a king was
 to our heav - en - ly Lord Who hath made heav'n and

keep - ing their sheep, On a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
 gave great light, And so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
 their in - tent, And to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.
 earth of naught, And with His blood man - kind hath bought.

Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell, Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

WORDS: Traditional English Carol
 MUSIC: Traditional English Carol

THE FIRST NOWELL
 Irregular

Faith Begins By Letting Go

Text: Carl P Daw, Jr., 1995

Music: Conrad Kocher, 1838

1. Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what
2. Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem - ory's
3. Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en -

had seemed sure, tak - ing risks and pres - sing on,
roots a - live so that hope may bear its fruit;
larg - ing hearts, shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer,

though the way feels less se - cure: pil - grim - age both
prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive, not through mer - it
bind - ing up the bro - ken parts; till we find the

right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.
we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.
com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Christ, all peo-ple
here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;
praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

TEXT: Neil Weatherhogg, 1988
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551
Text © 1990 Neil Weatherhogg

OLD HUNDRETH
LM

Bless the Lord

$\text{♩} = 76$ *p* Dm G Dm B \flat C F A

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

p Dm G Dm B \flat C Dm

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

Detailed description: This is a piano accompaniment for the hymn 'Bless the Lord'. The score is written in G minor (one flat) and common time. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 76. The first system covers the first two lines of the hymn. The second system covers the next two lines. The piano part features a steady accompaniment with chords and moving lines in both hands. The vocal line is simple and follows the lyrics. Chord changes are indicated above the staff.

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