



Altamont Reformed Church

First Sunday after Christmas Day

December 29, 2019

Prelude

Pianist, Betty Ketcham

WE GATHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD!

Welcome

Call to Worship

Let us go, in heart and mind, to see what has come to pass.

Let us go with the shepherds:

Let us go to find the Savior!

Let us go with the wise ones:

Let us go to find God's promise, born for us!

Let us go with the poor and humble:

Let us go to find our King, born in a lowly manger.

Let us go with all the world, with all the peoples of the nations.

Come, let us worship; come, let us adore him

Christ the Lord!

***Hymn: "Once in Royal David's City" (Blue) #155**

Prayer of Confession

When we allow darkness to overcome the light,

forgive us, O Lord.

When we reduce Christmas to plastic and tinsel,

have mercy on us, our Parent.

When hardness of heart keeps us from seeing and hearing and touching.

let your grace consume us, O God.

When wars around us are of no concern,

forgive us, Lord, and move us to compassion for those who suffer.

When our caring is not extended to action.
move us to seek justice for our brothers and sisters.
We come to confess our sinfulness before you and before each other.
We are but dust without your love. Remove all barriers that divide us,
and let there be no obstacle to our love for you and for one another. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: based on Isaiah 52:9-10; Luke 2:14

The Law of God

*Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

*Gloria Patri (Blue) #623

Glory be to the father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world with-out end. Amen, Amen.

Ministry of Music

“The First Noel”

(Page 136 Blue Hymnal verses 1, 2, and 6)

Children's Message

*Hymn of Preparation: “Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming” (Blue) #160

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD AND SACREMENT

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:13-23 (New Testament Page 2)

Sermon

The Sacrament of Baptism

Preparation

Presentation

Profession of Faith

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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Baptismal Covenant

Declaration, Blessing, and Welcome

Welcome our new sister in Christ.

Joyfully we receive you into the body of Christ.

Join with us as we give witness in the world to the good news,
for we are all one in Christ Jesus.

WE RESPOND WITH GRATITUDE

Announcements

Offertory

***Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below:
Praise Him above, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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, for ever. Amen.

***Closing Hymn: “Go, Tell It on the Mountain” (Blue) #138**

***Sending**

Our worship has ended,
Our service to the world begins!

***Choral Benediction**

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Today we rejoice in the baptism of **Emma Olivia Lawrence**. Emma's parents are John and Gwen (Simmons), and her grandparents are Steve and Cece Simmons.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

To Betty Ketcham for sharing her love and gift of music with us today.