



Altamont Reformed Church

Second Sunday after Christmas Day

January 5, 2020

Prelude

Audrey Daly, Organist

WE GATHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD!

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Welcome

Call to Worship:

God is here! The Messiah has come!

We open our eyes to see him and lift our hearts to worship him.

We have come to exalt the name of Jesus, our Savior and King,

And to bring glory to God the Father.

In our worship we demonstrate the mind of Christ

in declaring to God that God is the supreme authority in our lives.

We bow before our Lord and King.

Come, worship the Lord!

***Hymn: "Joy To the World" (Red) #161**

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: from Isaiah 62:10-12

The Law of God

***Passing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you!

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 “Invitation to Communion” Deborah Govenor

Come to the table, come to the feast, Come, there is welcome for the greatest and the least.

Come for forgiveness, come to confess God’s saving pow’r and our unworthiness.

Come to the table, come, eat the bread; Christ’s body broken, our hungry souls are fed.

Come to the table, come, drink the wine, His cup of blessing, gift of love divine.

Come to the table, come one and all, Come to remember, come, now, to recall
our dying Savior, our living Lord, our hope in heaven: Christ, our great reward.

Come to the table, go then in peace; your spirit quicken, and your faith increase.

Come to the table, go forth to be Christ’s faithful people through eternity.

Children's Message

***Hymn of Preparation: “Ah, Dearest Jesus, Holy Child” (Red) #173**

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: John 1:1-18 (New Testament Pages 91 & 92)

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith: from “Our Song of Hope”

Our only hope is Jesus Christ.

After we refused to live in the image of God,

he was born of the virgin Mary,

sharing our genes and our instincts,

entering our culture speaking our language,

fulfilling the law of our God.

Being united to Christ’s humanity,

we know ourselves when we rest in Christ.

Jesus Christ is the hope of God’s world.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Meaning of the Sacrament

Invitation:

Great Thanksgiving (Laminated Card)

Communion Hymn: “Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face”

(Red) #442

Words of Institution (laminated card)

WE RESPOND WITH GRATITUDE

Thanksgiving After Communion

Brothers and sisters, since the Lord has now fed us at his Table, let us praise God's holy name with heartfelt thanksgiving!

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

and do not forget all his benefits—

who forgives all your iniquity,

who heals all your diseases,

who redeems your life from the Pit,

who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

The Lord is merciful and gracious,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He does not deal with us according to our sins,

nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,

so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

as far as the east is from the west,

so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion for his children,

so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him,

who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all, and will also give us all things with him.

Therefore shall my mouth and heart show forth the praise of the Lord, from this time forth forevermore.

Amen.

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: “The First Noel” (Red) #156**

***Sending**

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

***Choral Benediction**

*Benediction

*Postlude

** indicates the congregation stands, if able.*

WELCOME VISITORS!

Welcome to all visitors in worship today! Please fill out one of the white visitor's cards in the pew hymnal racks so we may know who you are and may keep in touch. Kindly place the card in the offering plate.

PLEASE SPEAK TO A GREETER ABOUT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

- **NURSERY CARE IS AVAILABLE FOR INFANTS AND CHILDREN UP TO AGE 3** each Sunday in the nursery at the foot of the stairwell that is at the front of the sanctuary. Theresa Lasselle serves as our Nursery Supervisor.
- **CHILDREN'S BULLETINS and "SERMON SACKS" (COLORING SHEETS)** are available in the front and back of the sanctuary.
- **ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES** are in the back of the sanctuary and easy to use.
- **LARGE COPIES OF OUR WEEKLY BULLETIN:**
If you are visually challenged, a larger version of today's bulletin is available in the front or back of the sanctuary.

VOLUNTEERS TODAY

Coffee Hour.....
Ushers & Greeters.....Cheryl Osterhout & Rick Flaherty
Side Door Greeter.....Sallie Townsend
Offering Counters.....Osterhout, Flaherty, & Marianne Baratier
Nursery Volunteer.....Theresa Lasselle and **Volunteer Needed**

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION NEXT SUNDAY

The ARC congregation will share in the installation of deacons-elect David Lasselle, Deb Ritzko and Barb Sargent, and elders-elect Bill Johnson, Clara Lasselle, and Angie Stewart as new members of our 2020 ARC Consistory, at our 10:30 a.m. January 12 worship service.