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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2020**

**1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

*"What Child Is This"*

Christian Zembower

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**HYMN # 134**

*"Joy to the World"*

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;  
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Isaiah 61:10 – 26:3

<b>READING FROM THE PSALMS</b>		Psalm 148:1-14
<b>NEW TESTAMENT READING</b>		Galatians 4:4-7
<b>SPECIAL MUSIC</b>	<i>“The Angel Gabriel Came”</i>	arr.: John G. Barr
<b>GOSPEL READING</b>		Luke 2:22-40
<b>SERMON</b>	Where were you?	Rev. Daniel Kreiss

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**CLOSING HYMN # 136** *“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”*

*Refrain:*

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching o’er silent flocks by night,  
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. *[Refrain]*

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth  
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior’s birth. *[Refrain]*

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,  
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. *[Refrain]*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *“Il Est Né, le Divin Enfant”* Larry Shackley

**This morning we again welcome the Rev. Daniel Kreiss to the virtual pulpit.** Dan, along with his wife Cindy, has given his career to Christian ministry in a variety of contexts, both internationally and domestically. Dan just accepted a call to be the Associate Pastor for Mission Outreach at Roswell Presbyterian church in Atlanta and will begin in the new year.

**TODAY AT COVENANT:**

In the Pulpit:	Rev. Daniel Kreiss
Organ/piano:	Jessica Siple, Music Director
Liturgist:	Anne Smith
Euphonium:	Christian Zembower
Special Music/Organ:	Madeline Bishop

**Madeline Bishop** is a 15-year-old sophomore at Virginia High School. She enjoys many activities in addition to playing trumpet, piano, and organ. Maddie recently completed her second term of organ and studies with Bob Greene at First Presbyterian Church, Bristol, VA.

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