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SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2021

2ND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN # 119

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king.
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain:

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate deity,
pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. *[Refrain]*

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!

Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.

Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. *[Refrain]*

READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 147:12-20

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Ephesians 1:3-14

GOSPEL READING

John 1:1-18

SERMON

Christmas Presents

Rev. Elizabeth Patrick

COMMUNION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CLOSING HYMN # 132

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven’s door, and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

This morning we welcome the Rev. Elizabeth Patrick to the virtual pulpit. Elizabeth is an ordained pastor of the Presbyterian Church (USA), and a graduate of Erskine College, Duke Law School, and Princeton Seminary. She served as solo pastor of Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church in South Carolina before moving to Bristol to marry Dr. Bill Linderman, Professor of Mathematics at King University. Since moving to Bristol in 2008, Elizabeth has served as pulpit supply at a number of churches in the Tri-Cities and beyond. Currently, Elizabeth spends most of her time building Lego creations, breaking up squabbles, and otherwise caring for sons Henry (age 8) and Ben (age 6).

A Service of Ordination and Installation of the new Ruling Elders will happen on **Sunday, January 24, 2021.** The **Annual Meeting of the Congregation** is scheduled for **Sunday, January 31, 2021.** Details to come!

Be on the lookout for your **January Courier**, either via email or snail-mail, and posted on our website, for more announcements and information.

TODAY AT COVENANT:

In the Pulpit:
Organ/piano:
Liturgist:

Rev. Elizabeth Patrick
Jessica Siple, Music Director
Ann Freeman

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