



Second Sunday of Christmas  
Holy Eucharist  
Sunday, January 5, 2025 (10:30AM)  
Celebrant – The Rev. Tom Pumphrey

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*Our Mission is Growing Disciples of Jesus Christ.*

*We welcome you to worship God with us today, and we pray that you will find the presence of God in this service and through this Christian Community. May God bless you and your loved ones this Christmas and always!*

Opening Voluntary

The Three Kings

Gordon Young

Hymn in Procession: 109 The First Nowell

#### Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Song of Praise, Hymn 96 (8:00, 10:30) **Angels We Have Heard on High (vs. 1&3)**

**Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night,  
and the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.**

***Refrain:* Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

**Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the new born King. *Refrain***

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The First Reading Jeremiah 31:7-14

Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
proclaim, give praise, and say,

"Save, O LORD, your people,  
the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the land of  
the north,  
and gather them from the farthest parts of  
the earth,

among them the blind and the lame, those with  
child and those in labor, together;  
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,  
and with consolations I will lead them back,

I will let them walk by brooks of water,  
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;  
for I have become a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,  
and declare it in the coastlands far away;

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

## Psalms 84:1-8 (said responsively by half verse)

How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD  
of hosts! \*

**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of  
the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

The sparrow has found her a house and the  
swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*  
**by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,  
my King and my God.**

Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  
**they will always be praising you.**

Happy are the people whose strength is  
in you! \*  
**whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**

say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,  
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."

For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,  
and has redeemed him from hands too strong  
for him.

They shall come and sing aloud on the height  
of Zion,  
and they shall be radiant over the goodness  
of the LORD,

over the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
and over the young of the flock and the herd;  
their life shall become like a watered garden,  
and they shall never languish again.

Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,  
and the young men and the old shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy,  
I will comfort them, and give them gladness  
for sorrow.

I will give the priests their fill of fatness,  
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,  
says the LORD.

Those who go through the desolate valley will  
find it a place of springs, \*  
**for the early rains have covered it with  
pools of water.**

They will climb from height to height, \*  
**and the God of gods will reveal himself in  
Zion.**

LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*  
**hearken, O God of Jacob.**

Behold our defender, O God; \*  
**and look upon the face of your Anointed.**

## **The New Testament Reading: Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

## **Gospel Hymn 128 We Three Kings of Orient**

*During the Gospel Hymn, children assemble at the baptismal font.*

*Please be seated for a dramatic presentation by our children and youth of Matthew 2:1-12*

### **Reader 1**

*(Stars walk to the front)*

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage."

### **Reader 2**

*(Mary & Joseph walk forward)*

When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.

*(Kings & entourage walk forward to in front of rail)*

### **Reader 3**

They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel."

### **Reader 1**

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."

### **Reader 2**

*(Star moves to behind Holy Family)*

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.

### Reader 3

*(Kings & entourage go inside rail)*

When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

### Reader 1

And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

*Everyone is seated for the sermon-*

**The Sermon – Dr. Brandon Dasinger, Pastoral Associate**

**The Nicene Creed** *(page 358 in the Book of Common Prayer)*

**Prayers of the People**

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for Rob and Don, our Bishops; Tom and Nathan, our priests; and all bishops, priests and deacons

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for our Nation and its people;

**That we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will.**

We pray for Joseph, our President and Brian, our Governor and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble,

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest,

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and for those of others. *(please add your prayers)*

We thank you, Lord, for the blessings of this life. *(please add your thanksgivings)*

*The Priest adds a concluding collect.*

### Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Absolution

The Exchange of the Peace of Jesus Christ

*Priest* The peace of the Lord be always with you!

*People* And also with you!

The Liturgy of the Table

The Offertory

Offertory Music

Light of the World

Michael Bedford

Presentation Hymn vs 3 of 380

Doxology

(Tune: *Lasst uns erfreuen*)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer D (page 372 in the Book of Common Prayer)

<p><i>Priest:</i></p>	<p><i>People:</i></p>
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Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues:

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, ... we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

The Celebrant continues...

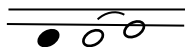
...and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People:*

We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues...

...Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.



The people join in concluding: AMEN!.

### 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is  
sac - ri - ficed for us; There-fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### The Communion

All are welcome at the table either to receive the blessing of the church if you are not baptized (please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest), or to share in communion with Christ and his church if you are a baptized Christian of any age or any denomination. Gluten free wafers available upon request.

If you would like prayer for yourself or others, come to the side altar where trained intercessors will pray for you.

Hymn 124, What Star Is This with Beams so Bright?

Hymn 490, I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

### Post Communion Prayer (also in the Book of Common Prayer, page 366)

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

### Blessing

Closing Hymn 119 As With Gladness Men of Old

Priest Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Closing Voluntary

March of the Three Kings

Gordon Young

## Events & Announcements for the First Sunday of Christmas

*Our Mission is Growing Disciples of Jesus Christ.*

God has a vision for us as a Christian Community, empowered by the Holy Spirit, active in:

### Worship of God

Worship services every Saturday at 5:30pm and Sunday at 8:00am and 10:30am

### Discipleship for All Ages

**Youth Winter Retreat 2025 – Happy: Seeking Joy and Contentment in Christ** – January 18–20 2024 in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. Cost: \$150 per student. For more information and to signup, go to [www.peterandpaul.org/2025happy](http://www.peterandpaul.org/2025happy).

Questions? Contact Brandon Dasinger at [bdasinger@peterandpaul.org](mailto:bdasinger@peterandpaul.org).

**Foyers Beginning in February** – Foyers is a way to meet your fellow parishioners in small groups over a meal. Visit our website under Evangelism & Christian Fellowship or contact Anne Creed ([admin@peterandpaul.org](mailto:admin@peterandpaul.org)) for more information.

**Small groups are forming!!** Small groups also known as discipleship group are small groups consisting of 6-12 individuals who meet weekly via zoom or in person in someone's home or at the church to share a time for fellowship, bible study and prayer. No previous experience is necessary. Days and times are flexible so let us know what days and times work best for you, and if you would prefer to meet in person or virtually via zoom. We currently have three discipleship groups but would love to start additional groups based upon the schedules of new participants. Detailed below are the current offerings. All groups will be resuming in mid to late January. If you are interested in joining a small group or have any questions, please contact the church office.

### Serving Christ in the World

**Meal Support Ministry** - Freshly baked and frozen meals are available the first and third weekend after each service to anyone who would find a meal a genuine help. Visit the Parish Hall kitchen area today following your service on those weekends to pick one up!

**There's Hope for the Hungry – Tuesday, January 7th 10am – 1pm** - There's Hope for the Hungry provides free groceries and conversations about Jesus for those in need on the first Tuesday of each month at St. Peter & St. Paul. We are one of many church partners with First Redeemer Church in Cumming, who started this ministry fifteen years ago. They pack boxes of food and bring them to partner churches in the Atlanta area to distribute. Together, we give these boxes to people in need, and offer a chance to talk about God in their lives.

**Women's Widow Support Group** - Organizational Meeting. Please join us for the Women's Widow Support Group on January 15th at 4:30 PM in the Garden Room. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

This will be an organizational meeting to discuss and plan monthly outings and an opportunity to get to know one another better.

*Please note: This group is a support group and not a grief share group. If you are interested in attending please contact Camie Schade*



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