

CHILMARK COMMUNITY CHURCH

First Sunday after Christmas

December 29, 2024

MEDITATION

"I want to be part of a people who see the darkness, know it's real and then light a candle anyway." - Sarah Bessey

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Quiet

Introit *Come all to the manger and joyfully sing,
Let heaven and earth with glad praises now ring,
For God is now with us through this wondrous birth,
Let Good News resound for all people on earth.
To the tune of Away in the Manger #217*

*Call to Worship (*please stand as you are able)

One: Sing for joy, children of God! Shout aloud, for God is our salvation!

All: ***We will proclaim the good news that God is in our midst. We will tell the good news that God removes all our fears. We will make known the good news that in God we rejoice.***

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*Hymn *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* #229

Prayer of Invocation and Lord's Prayer (together, seated)

Loving and generous God, we praise and thank you for the joys of this Christmas - the music and the singing, the gathering of family and friends, the gifts we give and receive. We thank you most of all for your great gift to us - the child Jesus. May Christ's Spirit of love fill our hearts to overflowing. May Christ's Spirit of peace be upon everyone, everywhere. This we pray together:

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 forever. Amen.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture Luke 2:1-20

Message Name that Christmas Carol!
Pastoral and Silent Prayer
Prayer Response
Blessing of the CWS Blankets of Love

THANKSGIVING

The Offering

*Doxology #95

*Unison Offering Prayer

Generous God, Make us generous in your image. Make us compassionate in your image. Make us faithful in your image. Bless these gifts and all the gifts we offer, that your kingdom may come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

*Hymn *Good Christian Friends Rejoice* #224

Benediction

Postlude

Please join us for Fellowship and Coffee in the parish hall after the service
Rev. Dr. Charlotte Wright, Pastor
Sean McMahon, Music Minister