A Community of Faith, Service and Love
First Sunday in Christmas

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN
THREE FAVORITE CHRISTMAS SONGS

OPENING PRAYER
Almighty God, you wonderfully created our human nature, and yet more wonderfully restored it. In your mercy, let us share in the divine life of the one who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI (#734)
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 without end. Amen, Amen.

SCRIPTURE:
Luke 2:41-52
Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day’s journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, ‘Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.’ He said to them, ‘Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?’ But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.
And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

HYMN
THREE MORE FAVORITE CHRISTMAS SONGS

THE BAPTISM of Tobias Christopher Ewers

*HYMN #677
Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

PRAYER CONCERNS, PASTORAL PRAYER, 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 forever. Amen.

OFFERING

Invitation

Doxology (#34)
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

HYMN
THREE FINAL FAVORITE CHRISTMAS SONGS

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE:

Ministers: Community of Faith
Pastor: The Rev. John David Heeckt
Organist: John Paul Zurlo
Soloist: Veralyn Davee
Video Team: Bethany Keck and Ben Ewers

WE WELCOME ALL who are worshipping with us via the internet.

Prayer List: Doctors, Nurses, Hospital staff, all those with COVID 19 and their families, Peggy, Barbie, Liz, Bonnie Jo

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