

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO

JANUARY 3, 2021
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

GATHERING

PRESERVICE MUSIC SET

“In the Bleak Midwinter”
“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”
“I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day”
“Angels We Have Heard on High”
“Once in Royal David’s City”
“O Come, All Ye Faithful”
“Mary, Did You Know?”
“Still, Still, Still”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMES

PRELUDE *“How Great Thou Art Christmas Prelude”* (Linker)

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 147, Selected Verses

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem!
Praise your God, O Zion!
**He grants peace within your borders;
he fills you with the finest of wheat.**
He sends out his command to the earth;
his word runs swiftly.
**He gives snow like wool;
he scatters frost like ashes.**
He sends out his word, and melts them;
he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow.
**He declares his word to Jacob,
his statutes and ordinances to Israel.**
Praise the Lord!

*OPENING HYMN #143 *“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”* (Smart)

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful and gracious God,
you have blessed us with every spiritual blessing;
you have adopted us as your beloved children;
you have forgiven our sin and redeemed us in Christ Jesus;
you have lavished your grace on us;
you have given us a glorious inheritance in Christ.**

**Forgive us, we pray,
when our gratitude is absent;
when we forget your providence and love;
when we set other things before you;
when our response is indifferent and apathetic.**

**We ask it in the name of Jesus the Messiah,
who came among us as a child,
and who will return in stunning glory.**

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Jeremiah 31:7-14

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS

Ephesians 1:3-14

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

***READING FROM THE GOSPELS**

John 1:1-18

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“A Plan for the Fullness of Time”

***HYMN #147**

“*The First Nowell*” (vss. 1-3) (English Carol)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING PRAYER

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
holy is your name;
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR THE BREAD AND CUP
RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP
PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN #147** *“The First Nowell”* (vss. 4-6) (English Carol)

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE** *“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”*

*Please stand if you are able where asterisks are printed.

Words in **bold print** are spoken by the congregation.