

January 3, 2021

Second Sunday after Christmas: The New Year Begins

9:30 AM



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***Our Mission: Boldly and Joyfully Sharing
The Good News of **Jesus' Love** and Forgiveness.***

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Pastor's Greeting:

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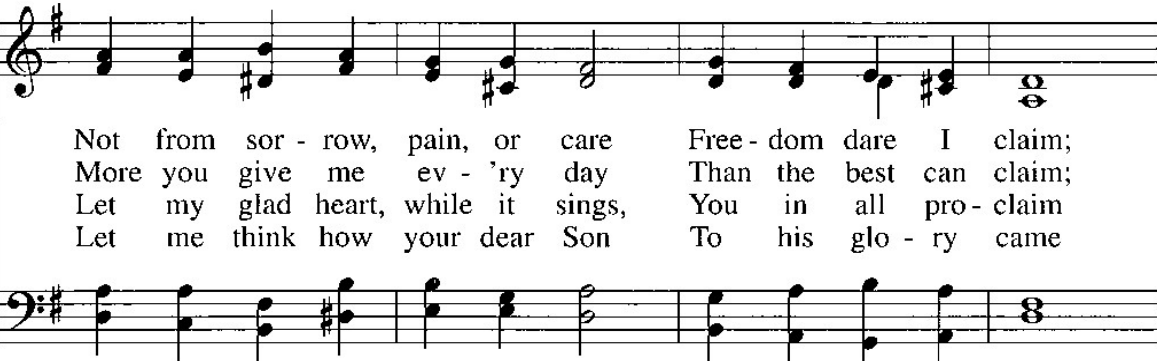
Hymn: *Father, Let Me Dedicate* CW # 75



1 Fa - ther, let me ded - i - cate All this year to you,
2 Can a child pre - sume to choose Where or how to live?
3 If in mer - cy you pro - long Joys that now are mine,
4 If you have for me a cross And its shad - ow come,



In what - e'er my earth - ly state, In what - e'er I do.
Can a fa - ther's love re - fuse All the best to give?
If on life se - rene and fair Bright - er rays may shine,
Turn - ing all my gain to loss, Shroud - ing heart and home,



Not from sor - row, pain, or care Free - dom dare I claim;
More you give me ev - 'ry day Than the best can claim;
Let my glad heart, while it sings, You in all pro - claim
Let me think how your dear Son To his glo - ry came



This a - lone shall be my prayer: Glo - ri - fy your name.
Help me trust you that I may Glo - ri - fy your name.
And, what - e'er the fu - ture brings, Glo - ri - fy your name.
And in deep - est woe pray on: "Glo - ri - fy your name."

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Confession and Absolution

L: The Grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also, with you.

L: We pray. Blessed Jesus, at your Word we are gathered all to hear you. Let our hearts and souls be stirred, now to seek, love, and fear you.

C: By your teachings, sweet and holy, drawn from earth to love you solely.

L: Oh, how I love your law!

C: I meditate on it all day long.

L: Your commands make me wiser than all my enemies,

C: For your words are always with me.

L: How sweet are your words to my taste.

C: Sweeter than honey to my mouth!

L: All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

C: So that we may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

L: Yet, so often we have despised your Word, O Lord, and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow and humbly ask you to forgive us.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me, a sinner.

L: God gave his Word so “that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.” The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the † Holy Spirit.

C: AMEN!

Prayer of the Day: Eternal Lord, before you all generations rise and fall. Teach us to consider the brevity of our own lives and to better appreciate the immensity of your goodness. Help us to trust in the saving work of Jesus as we enter this new year for you live and reign as one God now and for ever.

C: AMEN!

First Lesson:

Numbers 6:22-27

²² The LORD said to Moses, ²³ “Tell Aaron and his sons, ‘This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them:

²⁴ ““The LORD bless you and keep you;

²⁵ the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you;

²⁶ the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.”

²⁷ “So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.”

(The Word of our God)

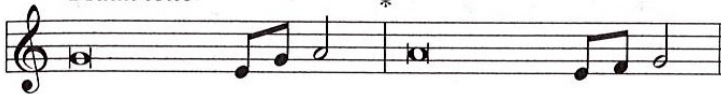
Psalm 8

Refrain



I will praise your name for - ev - er, my King and my God.

Psalm tone



O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in áll the earth!*

You have set your glory above the héavens.

When I consider your héavens,*

the work of your fín-gers,

what is man that you are mindful of him,*

the Son of Man that you cáre for him?

Refrain

You made him a little lower than the heavenly béings*

and crowned him with glory and hónor.

You made him ruler over the works óf your hands;*

you put everything under his feet.

Glory be to the Father and ío the Son*

and to the Holy Śpirit,

as it was in the béginning,*

is now, and will be forever. Ámen.

Refrain

Second Lesson

Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God— ² the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures ³ regarding his Son, who as to his human nature was a descendant of David, ⁴ and who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.

⁵ Through him and for his name's sake, we received grace and apostleship to call people from among all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith.

⁶ And you also are among those who are called to belong to Jesus Christ. ⁷ To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.
(Word of the Lord)

Hymn: *Take My Life and Let It Be.....* CW # 469 Stz 1-4

1 Take my life and let it be Con - se -
2 Take my hands and let them move At the
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways,
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; Not a

cra - ted, Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments
im - pulse of thy love. Take my feet and
on - ly for my King. Take my lips and
mite would I with - hold. Take my in - tel -

and my days; Let them flow in cease - less praise.
let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Gospel:**Matthew 6:25, 31–34**

L: ²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear... ³¹ So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.

³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: *Praise be to you, O Christ!*

Hymn: *Help Us, O Lord, for Now We Enter.....* **CW # 70 Stz 1–3**



1 Help us, O Lord, for now we en - ter Up - on an -
2 May ev - 'ry plan and un - der - tak - ing Be - gin this
3 And may this year to me be ho - ly; Your grace so

oth - er year to - day. In you our hopes and thoughts now
year, O Lord, with you; When I am sleep - ing or am
fill my ev - 'ry thought That all my life be pure and

cen - ter; Re - new our cour - age for the way. New life, new
wak - ing, Help me, dear Lord, your will to do. In you a -
low - ly And truth - ful, as a Chris - tian's ought. So make me

strength, new hap - pi - ness We ask of you — oh, hear and bless.
lone, my God, I live; You on - ly can my sins for - give.
while I'm liv - ing here Your faith - ful ser - vant through the year.

Sermon:

Matthew 6:25, 31–34 (Pg 6)

Without Worry, We Begin the New Year

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Apostles' Creed: *(Rise) (together we confess)*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayer: Almighty and merciful God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all we do. As this New Year begins, we ask that you would heal the sick, comfort the dying, give strength to the weak, provide wisdom to all our governmental leaders, and fill us with zeal to proclaim your Word. This we ask through Christ Jesus, who taught us to pray...

Lord's Prayer: *(traditional)*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 and ever.

Amen!

L: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen

Hymn: *The Old Year Now Has Passed Away*..... CW # 71 Stz 1 & 2



1 The old year now has passed a - way; We thank you,
 2 We pray you, O e - ter - nal Son, Who with the

O our God, to - day That you have kept us
 Fa - ther reigns as one, To guard and rule your

through the year When dan - ger and dis - tress were near.
 Chris - ten - dom Through all the a - ges yet to come.

January 2021, Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 2 Bob Baur
- 7 Nick Carne
- 10 Tom Legg
- 21 Addison Wittmershaus
- 23 Lindsey Backes
- 24 Ray Williams
- 27 Ryan & Keely Taylor
- 28 Sam Meister
- 31 Fay Jones