

The 1st Sunday After Christmas

December 31st, 2006

10:30AM

(*Please stand, if able.)

10:15AM – CAROL SINGING

*CALL TO WORSHIP & LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: As we light these candles today, we thank God for hope God gives us, for the peace God bestows, for the joy God pours into our hearts, and for the love that redeems us and shows us the way.

All: We thank God for the gift of Jesus. We thank God that through Christ, God's light has come into the world and made it possible for us to see, and in seeing, to rejoice. God's truth, God's love, God's very self, transforms all who receive God.

(The candles on the Advent Wreath are lit)

One: Let us pray.

All: Loving God, Emmanuel, we thank you for being with us – for sending your Son to walk with us and to lead us. As Christ Jesus was born of Mary, so may He be born in us and through us revealed to the world. Grant that the hope, the peace, the joy, and the love of which we have heard and spoken of throughout Advent may be fully realized in us as we worship and serve you through Him, this both now and forevermore. AMEN.

**Carol # 162 “On Christmas night all Christians sing”*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Gospel Reading:

John 1: 1 – 14

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY –

What Child is This

arr. R. E. Schram

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE MARVELOUS STORY OF MANY OF OUR CHRISTMAS HYMNS

Carol # 165 “O little town of Bethlehem” Phillips Brooks
(1835-1893)

**Carol # 159 “Oh come, all ye faithful”* John Francis Wade
(1711-1786)

Carol # 146 “Angels from the realms” James Montgomery
(1771-1854)

Carol # 148 “It came upon the midnight clear” E. H. Sears
(1810-1876)

Carol # 154 “Silent night” Joseph Mohr
(1792-1848)

Carol # 173 “We three kings” John H. Hopkins Jr.
(1820-1891)

**Carol # 153 “Joy to the world”* Isaac Watts
(1674-1748)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE –

Recessional on ‘Antioch’

arr. R. E. Schram

