

# Unity Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 29, 2024

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas

Lighting of the Candles (quiet please)

***Gathering of God's People***

**Choral Call to Worship**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

L. We are brought together by the call of God,

**P. the one who has loved us from the beginning.**

L. We are bound together by the presence of the Spirit,

**P. the one who has challenged us to love more deeply.**

L. We worship together in the name of Christ,

**P. The one who was Love made flesh.**

**+Morning Prayer**

**+Hymn of Praise – “We Three Kings of Orient Are”**

**+Call to Confession**

**+Prayer of Confession**

**Holy God, we have seen the Christ child in the manger, and we know that you are a light to all people. Forgive us when our lives are not shaped by the Christmas story, when our hearts are not open to the leading of your spirit, when our hands are not open to help a neighbor in need. Speak your good news to us once more, forgive us, and bring us peace. (Silence) Amen.**

**+Assurance of Pardon**

**+Passing the Peace**

**Our Life Together**

***Children's Message***

***Anthem:***

**Announcements**

***Choir***

***Service of the Word***

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture: OT: Psalm 148**

**NT: Luke 2:22-40**

**Sermon “One Bite at a Time” CLP Rebecca O'Dell**

***Responding in Faith***

**+Hymn of Adoration**

**“Go tell it on The Mountain”**

**+Affirmation of Faith**

**+The Apostles Creed**

**+ Gloria Patri**

**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

**Giving of our Tithes and Offerings**

**+The Doxology**

**+Prayer of Dedication**

***Sending Out into the World***

**+Hymn of Commitment**

**“Joy to the World!”**

**Charge and Benediction**

**Choral Benediction**

**Postlude**

**+ Please stand as you are able**

**+ Today we are “Live Streaming”**

We are happy you are worshipping with us this morning. If you would like to know more about us, please ask. We love to share the Unity story. Clip boards in Vestibule.

Please sign the visitor book in the vestibule so we can have a record of your visit.

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