

Second Sunday

After Christmas

January 5, 2025

THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRELUDE

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive)

Leader: *A new day has dawned, a new year begun*
People: *O Lord, call us so we may hear Your voice*
Leader: *The world turns to hopes and dreams of the future*
People: *O Lord, keep us in Your ways and on Your path*
Leader: *We enter this new year with hope and excitement*
People: *O Lord, remind us that You lead us*
ALL: *O Lord, guide us as we look to You, and worship You. Amen.*

* HYMN # 280 (Blue Hymnal) *Amazing Grace*
(first performed on New Year's Day 1773)

CONFESSION OF SIN (Unison)

O God, for all the things we have done wrong in the past against You and against others, we ask for forgiveness. Jesus, as we begin this new year, please cleanse us with hyssop, and we will be clean; wash us, and we will be whiter than snow. And may your grace and mercy watch over us day after day throughout all of 2025.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Revelation 21: 1-6

Behold: there is a new heaven, a new earth, and a new city, where the river of life flows, where the tree of life bears fruit in every season. This heaven, this city, this river, this tree are a vision of your life reborn, restored, and renewed.

Thanks be to God!

*GLORIA PATRI - *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.*

A WORD FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

WE GIVE THANK OFFERINGS TO GOD

GIVING GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY - *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 THANKSGIVING

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Isaiah 9:1-2

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS:

Luke 2:21-32; Matthew 5:14-16

THE SERMON:

Dr. William D. Coker

"Let Your Light Shine in the New Year"

WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER

*COMMUNION HYMN # 333 (Blue Hymnal)

Seek Ye First

THE WORDS OF INVITATION

Come to this table, not because you must but because you may; not because you are strong, but because you are weak. Come, not because any goodness of your own gives you a right to come, but because you need mercy and help. Come, because you love the Lord a little and would like to love him more. Come, because he loved you and gave himself up for you. Come and meet the risen Christ, for we are his Body.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND PREPARATION

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING - THE 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMN 525 (Blue Hymnal)

Here I Am Lord

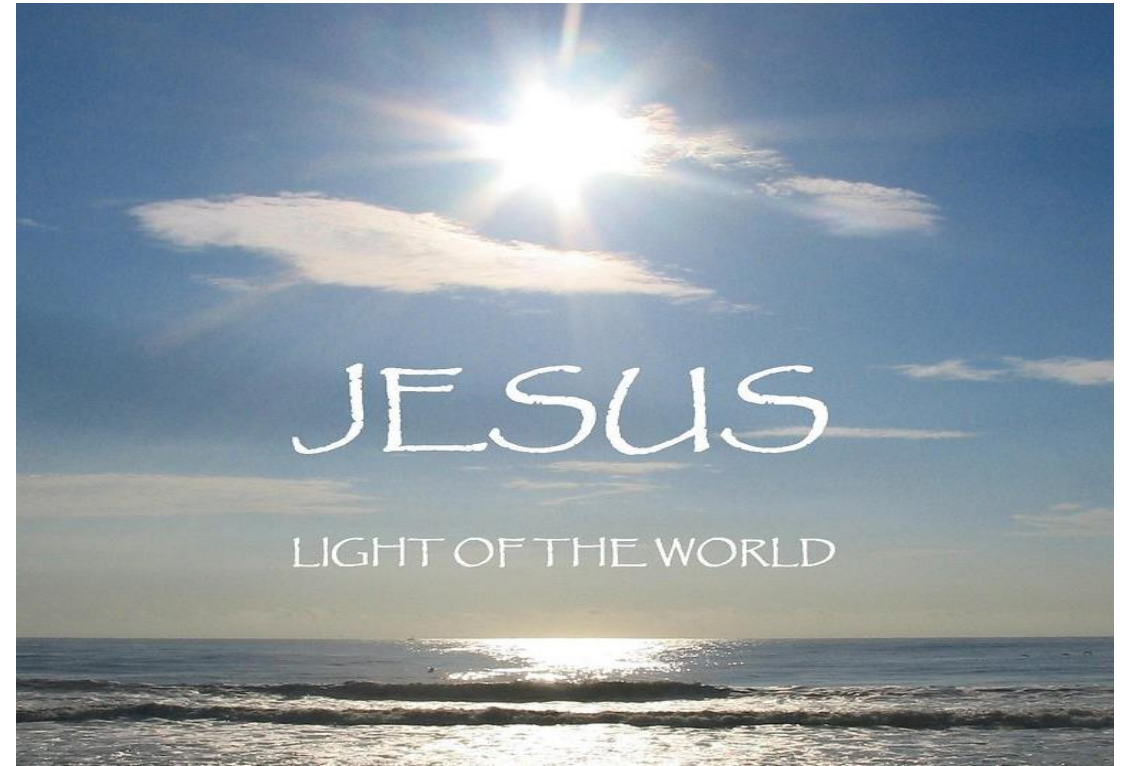
*BENEDICTION

We leave today going into a future as yet unmapped; take the light of Christ within you as you go, look for opportunities to shine for Jesus, and may your good deeds be visible to all. Amen.

POSTLUDE - (*) *We stand as we are able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. 8 Most Significant Words: *"Who will you invite to church next Sunday?"*
2. #1 Reason to Be at First Pres: *Because we know why we're here - to share the Real Jesus.*
3. We will have our Annual Congregational & Corporation Meetings after worship on January 12th.
3. Prayer List:
 - a. Patsy Rohrer (sister-in-law of Margaret Connor) - she will be scanned again after the holidays and will get results mid-January. She is feeling stronger and has gained a little weight.
 - b. Cathy Martin (Biff's sister) - She has Pancreatic Cancer and is continuing with chemotherapy. She has a coach who has been encouraging to her. Cathy is fighting hard. Pray that the chemo will work.
 - c. Bubba Harrison- the cancer has spread to his bones and chemo has been stopped because it is not helping.
 - d. The Need for Unity in Our Country
 - e. Our New 12 Commitments for Christ
4. *If anyone has a prayer request/need, you can fill out a prayer card and place it in the offering plate or email us at 1stprestifton@gmail.com.*
5. *The sign up sheet for flowers is in the narthex*



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