

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Christmas  
January 3, 2021

The Approach to God

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Announcements

Prelude

Votum

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth. **Amen.**

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 147)

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem!

**Praise your God, O Zion!**

The Lord strengthens the bars of your gates;

**And blesses our children within us.**

The Lord grants peace within your borders;

**And fills us with the finest wheat.**

The Lord sends out the commands to the earth;

**And we are blessed to know the ordinances of the Lord.**

**ALL: Praise the Lord!**

\*Hymn of Praise #15 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

\*The Salutation and the People's Amen

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Light of the world, shine upon us this day. Shine your truth into the darkest places of our lives, that we may face the reality of our fears and our sins. Shine your good into the shadows of our hearts, that we may know your forgiveness and your love. Shine your compassion into our lives, that we may radiate your brightness as forgiven and restored people, for all the world to see. Amen.**

Words of Assurance (based on John 1)

The light of Christ shines so brightly that the darkness has not, will not, and cannot overcome it. Friends, rejoice, for the light of our forgiveness comes from the Light of the World. Grace and truth came through Jesus Christ, who is the source of the peace that passes all understanding. I declare to you that, in the name of Jesus Christ, your sins have been forgiven. May the peace of Christ be with you!

**Amen.**

Call to New Life

As a forgiven people, let us live as Scripture commands: doing justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with our God.

**May the Spirit of God help us to live this new life. Amen!**

Special Music

## The Word of God

Junior Sermon

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

**Guide us, O Lord, by your Word and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Epistle Lesson            Ephesians 1:3-14

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Lesson            John 1:10-18

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon                    "And What Did YOU Get for Christmas?"

## The Response of God's People

Hymn #174 "As With Gladness Men of Old"

Prayer of Consecration, Thanksgiving and Intercession

Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Benediction

Postlude

### Worship Participants:

Guest Preacher – Kitt Jackson

Music Director – Andrew Burger

Organist – Rebecca Benjamin

Lay Reader – Jan Clark

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Our worship leader this morning is Elder Kitt Jackson, a member of Altamont Reformed Church and a Commissioned Preaching Elder in the Classis of Schenectady. Now retired from the Capital Area Council of Churches, Kitt lives in Delmar and has two adult children and one grandchild.

## Announcements

- The 2021 Envelopes are IN! Please look for your envelopes in the Education Building. The upper glass doors will be open after church, until 11am on Sunday and on Thursday from 9-12. The Education Building is also open after 1:30 pm. You can access the building through the lower-level glass doors. If you are unable to pick up your envelopes, please contact Ellen and arrangements can be made for them to be delivered, over the next few weeks.
- "CAN" YOU HELP? SiCM's newest campaign for collecting all types of canned food to replenish their Food Pantry. NRC will have two blue bins in Education Building for this purpose. You can drop off your canned goods Monday-Friday, **after 1:30 pm**. This drive will run till March 31, 2021.
- At the December 13, 2020 Congregational Meeting, Deborah Bennett, Janel Mirel, Suzi O'Brien

& Ron Ricard were elected to the office of Elder and Roger Greenwood and Maureen were elected to the office of Deacon. Deborah, Janel and Roger will be installed to these offices at the January 10th worship service.

- Our Mission of the Month Collection for January will be for Wildwood Programs. Wildwood first opened its doors over 50 years ago as a local, not for profit organization that was formed when a group of parents found that their children did not fit neatly into existing programs. Today, Wildwood meets the needs of the individuals it supports with a person-centered, holistic approach where a wide range of education, employment, residential, recreation, and counseling services work collaboratively to maximize a person's independence. Your donation will enable Wildwood Programs to continue supporting local families with special needs. Thank you!