

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

LUKE 1:68, 78-79

**Blessed are you, Lord God:  
By your tender mercy, the dawn breaks upon us.  
Give light, we pray, to all who sit in darkness,  
And guide our feet in paths of peace. Amen.**

\*Gloria Patri 581

“Glory Be to the Father”

\*The Charge

Mark 12:28-31

Which commandment is the first of all?

**You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
And with all your soul, and with all your mind,  
and with all your strength.**

And the second is this:

**You shall love your neighbor as yourself.  
There is no other commandment greater than these.**

\*Blessing

\*Sung Benediction 113 (verse 1)

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

\*Postlude

“The People Who Walked in Darkness” Mary Louise Bringle/  
Sally Ann Morris

*\*The congregation is invited to stand.*

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**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY  
MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**December 6, 2015, 9:00 A.M.**

**Service of Hope and Remembrance**

**Morning Meditation**

John 1:5; Isaiah 2:5

*The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.*

*Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!*

**Chimes of the Trinity**

**Ritual of Fellowship**

**Voluntary**

“Foundation”

American Melody  
Bonnie Barrett

**The Lighting of the Advent Candle: Peace**

\*Hymn 82

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

**Prayer of Confession**

**Forgive us, O God; we have not prayed enough  
for the leaders and peoples of every nation,  
for the Church and all who serve the Lord,  
for those who suffer in sorrow and affliction,  
for refugees and travelers far from home,  
for all who are in prison or facing trial,  
or for those who sit in darkness, or in the shadow of death.**

**Gracious God, this is our prayer:**

**That your love will overflow more and more  
In our lives, in your church, and in all the world,  
Until all may know the compassion of Christ Jesus,  
Our Savior and Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

## Silent Prayers of Confession

**Kyrie Eleison 575** (unison)

“Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us”

## Assurance of Pardon

**Response: 602**

“Holy Lamb of God”

## Prayer of Illumination

## Scripture Reading

Luke 1:57-60, 67-79

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

*Children who would like to continue with age-appropriate activities  
may go with the Children’s Tabernacle greeter during the hymn.*

**\*Hymn 88** (verses 1, 6 and 7)

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

## The Sermon

“By the Tender Mercy of Our God”

Keith Grogg

## Prayers of Hope and Remembrance

By the tender mercy of our God,

LUKE 1:78

**The dawn from on high will break upon us.**

## The Lord’s Prayer (traditional)

**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 123**

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

## Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

**Offertory** “O Sing a Song of Bethlehem (Fantasy on Kingsfold)” English Folk  
Tune/ Carter

## \*Doxology 607

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Christ all people here below, Praise Holy Spirit, evermore,  
Praise Triune God Whom we adore. Amen!**

## \*Prayer of Dedication

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (unison) The Apostles Creed (Traditional)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried.  
He descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*Hymn 525**

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

## The Invitation to the Table

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**