

**\*Gloria Patri**

“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.**

**\*Sung Benediction 133 (verse 3)**

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;  
sing all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!  
O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!**

**\*Postlude**

“Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn”

Marty Haugen

\*The congregation is invited to stand.

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Scripture passages are read from the New Revised Standard Version.

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

**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS, JANUARY 3, 2016, 9:00 A.M.**

**Morning Meditation**

John Philip Newell

*You are above me O God, You are within. You are in all things, yet contained by no thing.  
Teach me to seek You in all that has life, that I may see You as the Light of life.  
Teach me to search for You in my own depths, that I may find You in every living soul.*

**Chimes of the Trinity**

**Ritual of Fellowship**

**Voluntary**

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

Polish Folk Melody

**\*Call to Worship**

John 1:9–14

The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory.

**The true light that enlightens everyone has come into the world.**

Glory to God who has blessed us in Christ.

**Glory to God forever!**

**\*Hymn 134**

“Joy to the World”

*Nickel-a-Meal offerings may be brought forward during the hymn.*

**Prayer of Confession**

**Holy God, we confess that we are a distracted people  
and forgetful of your love. We make selfish choices,  
hurt each other, and perpetuate injustice in your world.**

**We have sinned against you, and are deeply sorry  
and repent of our disregard of you, each other, and your creation.**

**By the power of your Spirit, forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
to live in your light and walk in your truth;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Silent Prayers of Confession

**Kyrie Eleison 578** (unison)

“O Lord, Have Mercy”

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Response 587** (unison)

“Alleluia!”

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Old Testament Reading**

Jeremiah 31:7-14

**\*Hymn 136**

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

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

**Gospel Reading**

John 1:1-18 (selected)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**The Sermon**

“The Light of All People”

Keith Grogg

**Prayers of the People**

**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 666**

“O Splendor of God's Glory Bright”

**Offering of our Tithes and Gifts**

**Offertory**

John Bell

“That Boy-Child of Mary/Who Would Think that What Was Needed”

**\*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** (responsive)

The Barmen Declaration

Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture,  
is the one Word of God which we have to hear  
and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death.

**As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins,  
so, in the same way and with the same seriousness  
he is also God's mighty claim upon our whole life.**

Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance  
from the godless fetters of this world  
for a free, grateful service to God's creatures.

**The Christian Church is the congregation of the faithful  
in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord  
in Word and sacrament through the Holy Spirit.**

As the Church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify  
in the midst of a sinful world, with its faith as with its obedience,  
with its message as with its order, that it is solely his property,

**and that it lives and wants to live solely from his comfort  
and from his direction  
in the expectation of his appearance.**